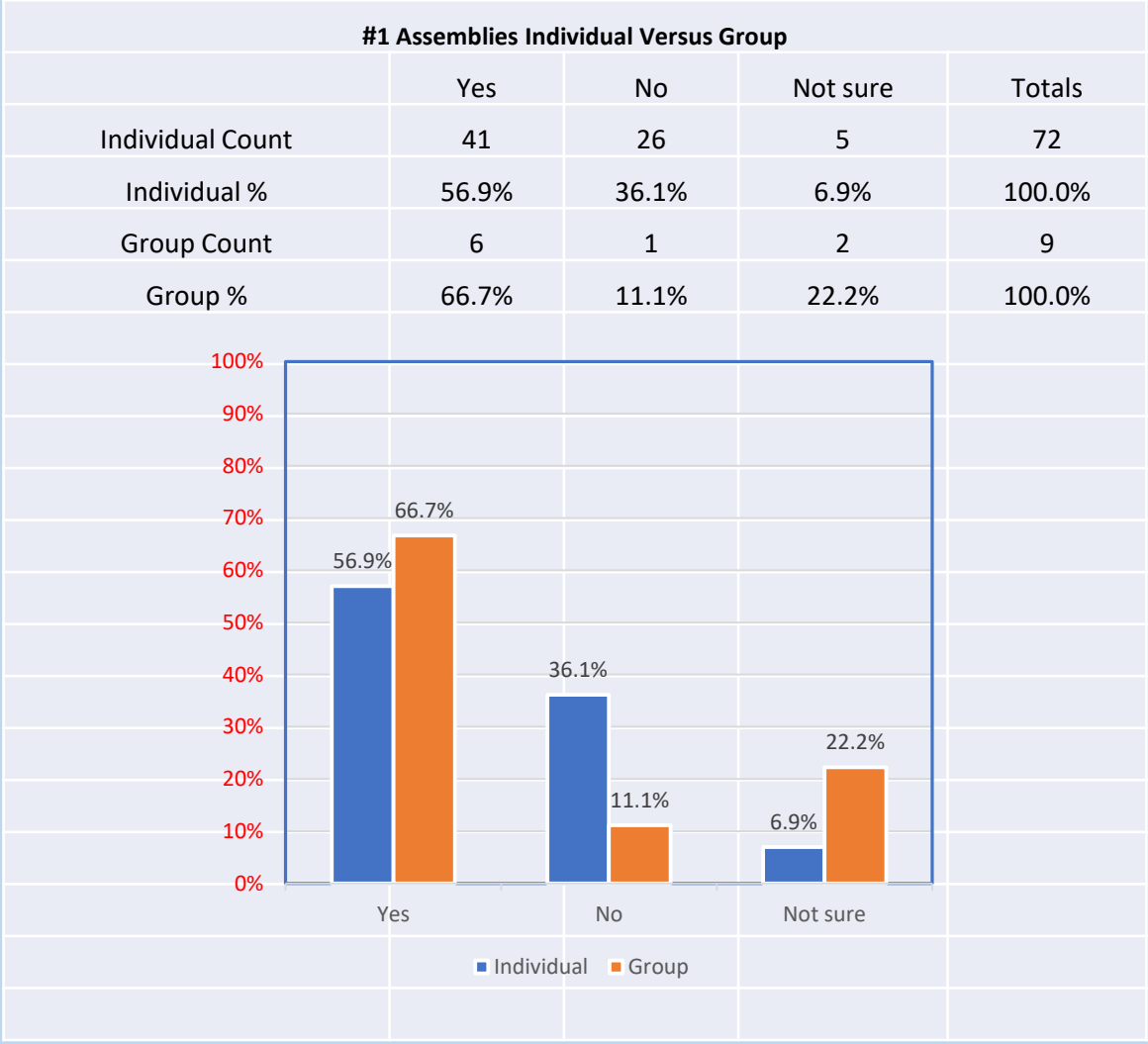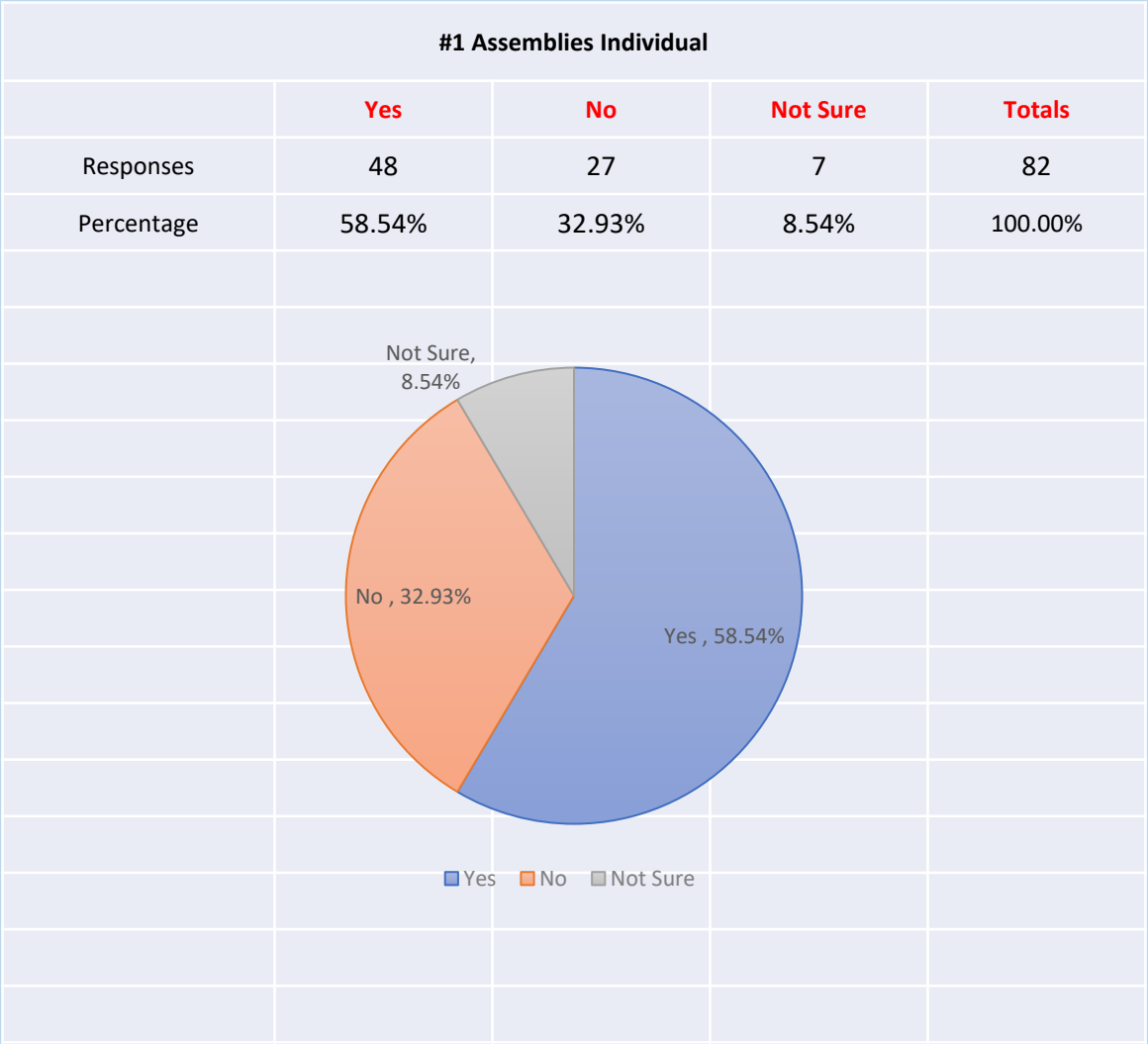# Ad-Hoc Committee on Efficiency, Effectiveness and Facilitation of Four Assemblies

Timing : Questions 1-5

Question #1 Assemblies

1. Should Area 74 continue to hold *Assemblies* at Area 74 Conferences?

#1 Assemblies Individual

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	48	27	7	82
Percentage	58.54%	32.93%	8.54%	100.00%

#1 Assemblies Individual Versus Group

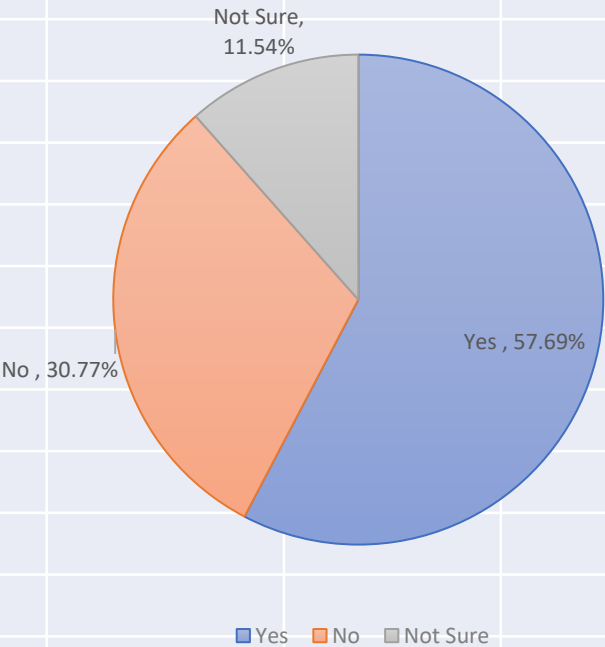|	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	41	26	5	72
Individual %	56.9%	36.1%	6.9%	100.0%
Group Count	6	1	2	9
Group %	66.7%	11.1%	22.2%	100.0%

Comment Question 1-The purpose of the trial (holding svc mtgs at conf) was to increase attendance. Hasn't worked
Question 1, Assemblies, Yes, Only abbreviated hot buttons

Question #1 Area Committee Meeting

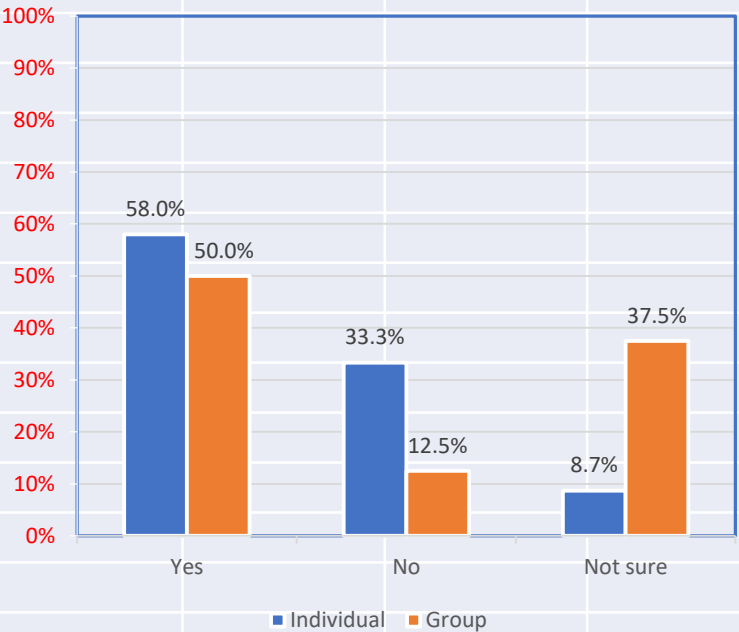## 1. Should Area 74 continue to hold *Area Committee Meetings* at Area 74 Conferences?

#1 ACM Individual

	Yes	**No**	**Not Sure**	**Totals**
Responses	45	24	9	78
Percentage	57.69%	30.77%	11.54%	100.00%

#1 ACM Individual Versus Group

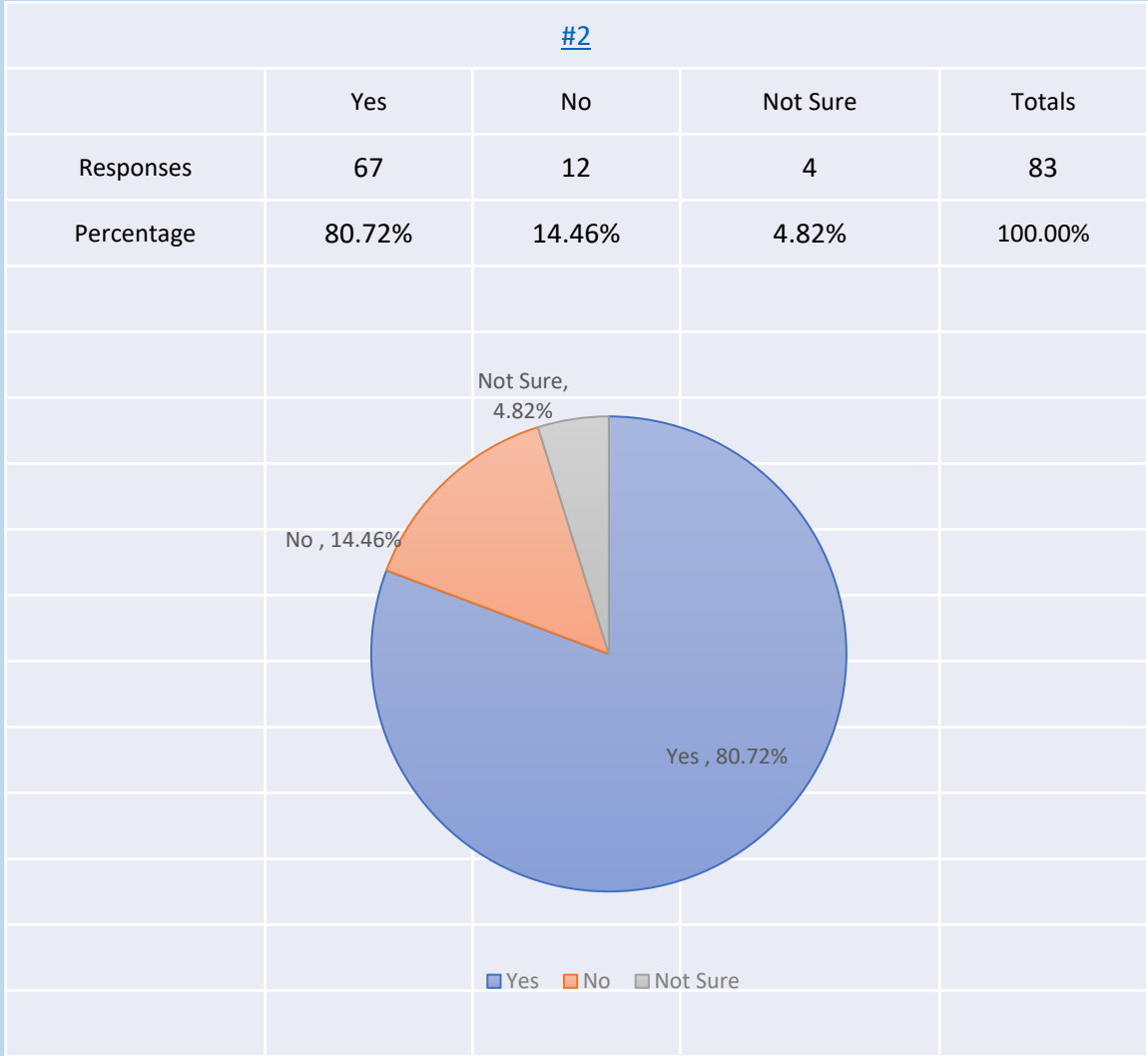|	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	40	23	6	69
Individual %	58.0%	33.3%	8.7%	100.0%
Group Count	4	1	3	8
Group %	50.0%	12.5%	37.5%	100.0%

COMMENTS QUESTION #1

- 1) The financial support for GSRs and DCMs by respective groups and districts needs to be addressed. Travel money to attend all assemblies/conferences and committee meetings and any extra/optional gatherings is pricey and no one ever talks about that. Is the outcome/results of assembly worth the cost of being at a conference? I don't always see the purpose of our Assemblies. Lots of talk and no application to the suffering alcoholic. And if the group/district is not supporting the GSR/DCM 100%, then a wrong message is being sent. 2) I have a fear that the Service structure of AA is crumbling from within. I believe in my own district, recovery of any service structure is beyond repair. 99% of those attending AA meetings do not want to know about anything other than themselves and their immediate problems. They don't desire to serve in the structural part of AA, too boring, not relevant, complicated...whatever the reason, they want no part of it. Some say they do, but there is no action after the decision is made. I don't have a solution to that apathy. I just trust in God and use the BB as my guide to continued sobriety. The most important relationship in my recovery is with God and not with the service structure. It is needed for AAWS but it is not needed to maintain sobriety in a personal sense of the word. If I let God run my life, I always have needs placed before me to help another alcoholic. Higher power takes care of that. I am simply tired.
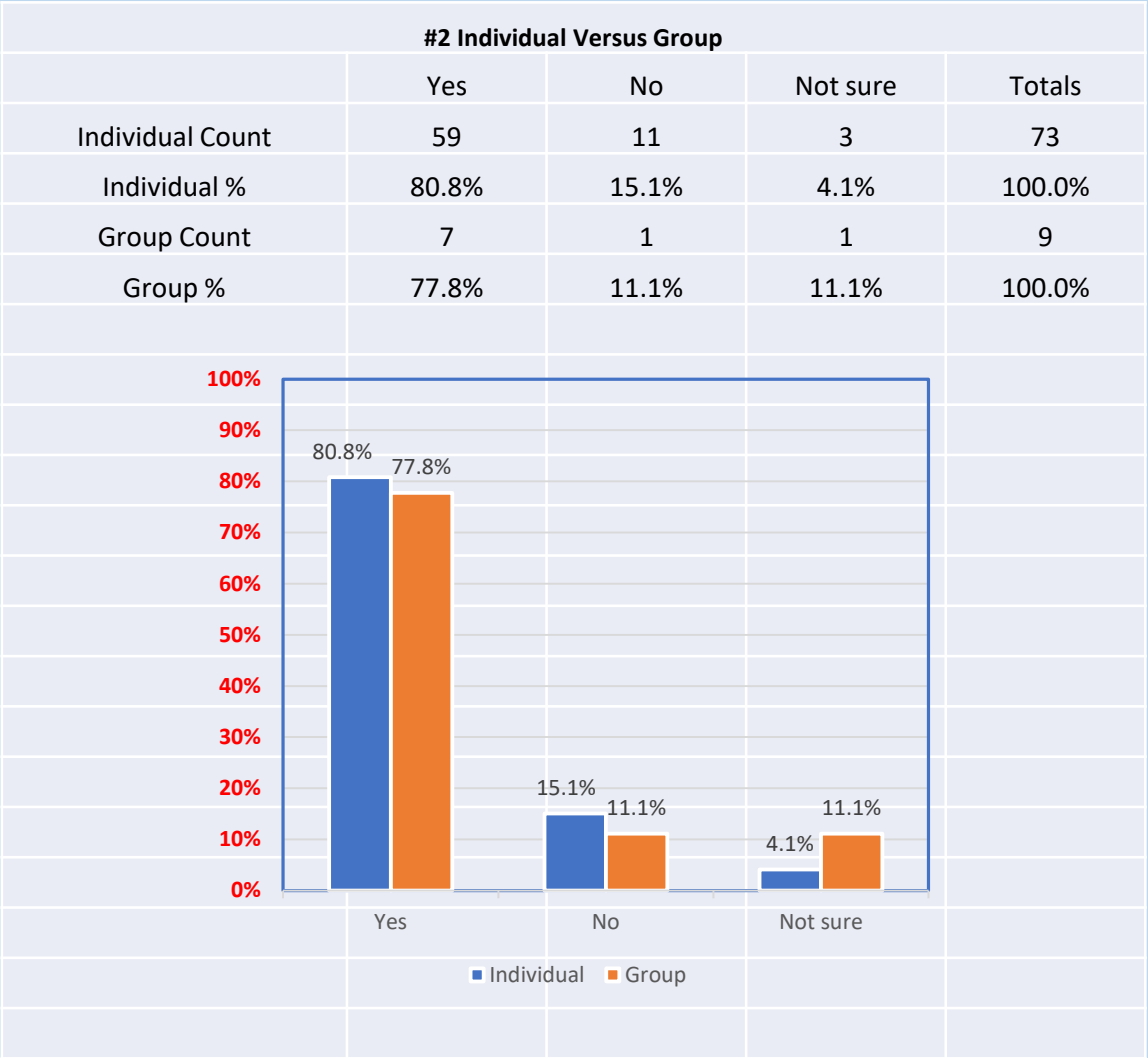
Question #2

2. Should Area 74 Election Assemblies be held in a central location?
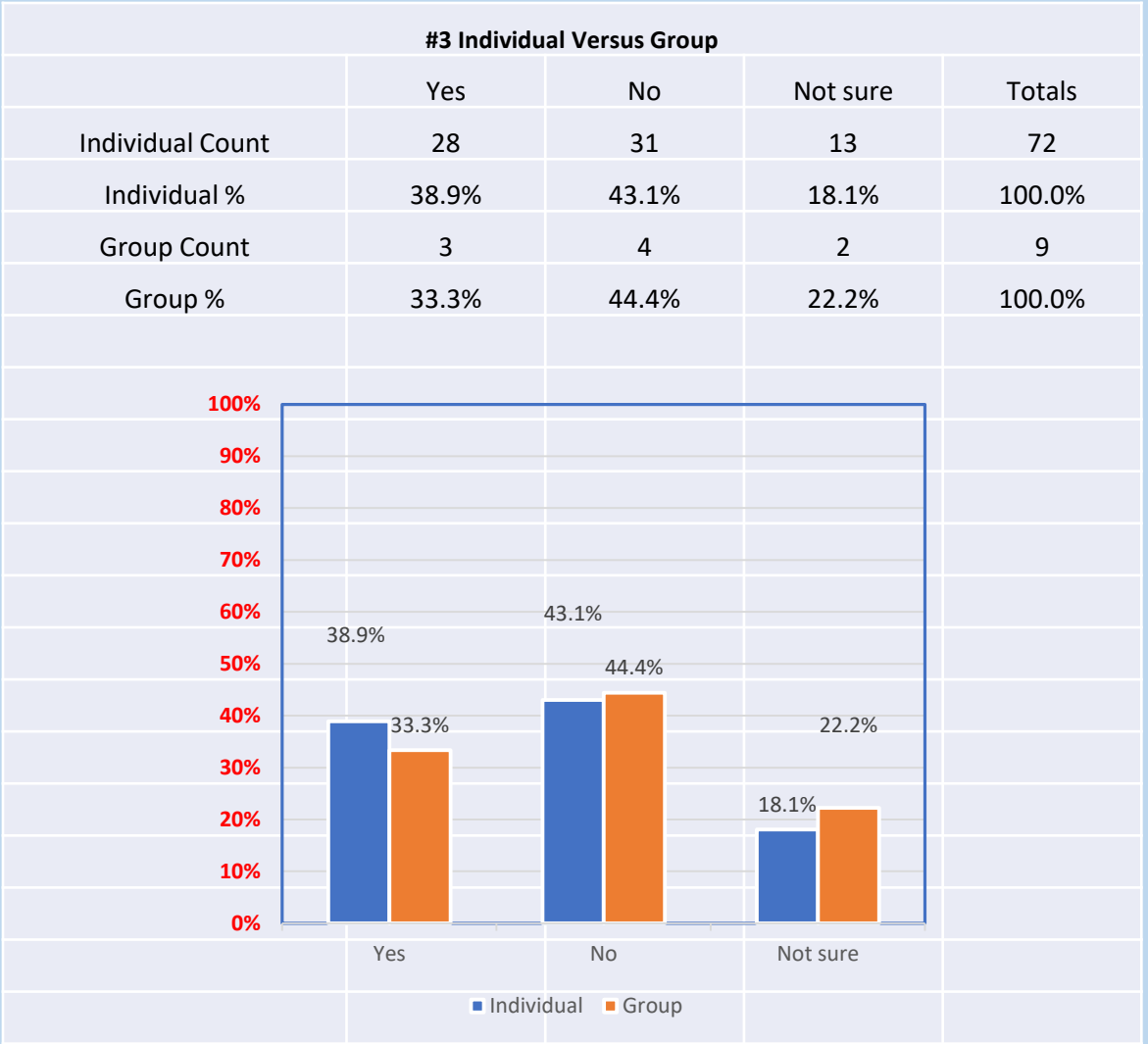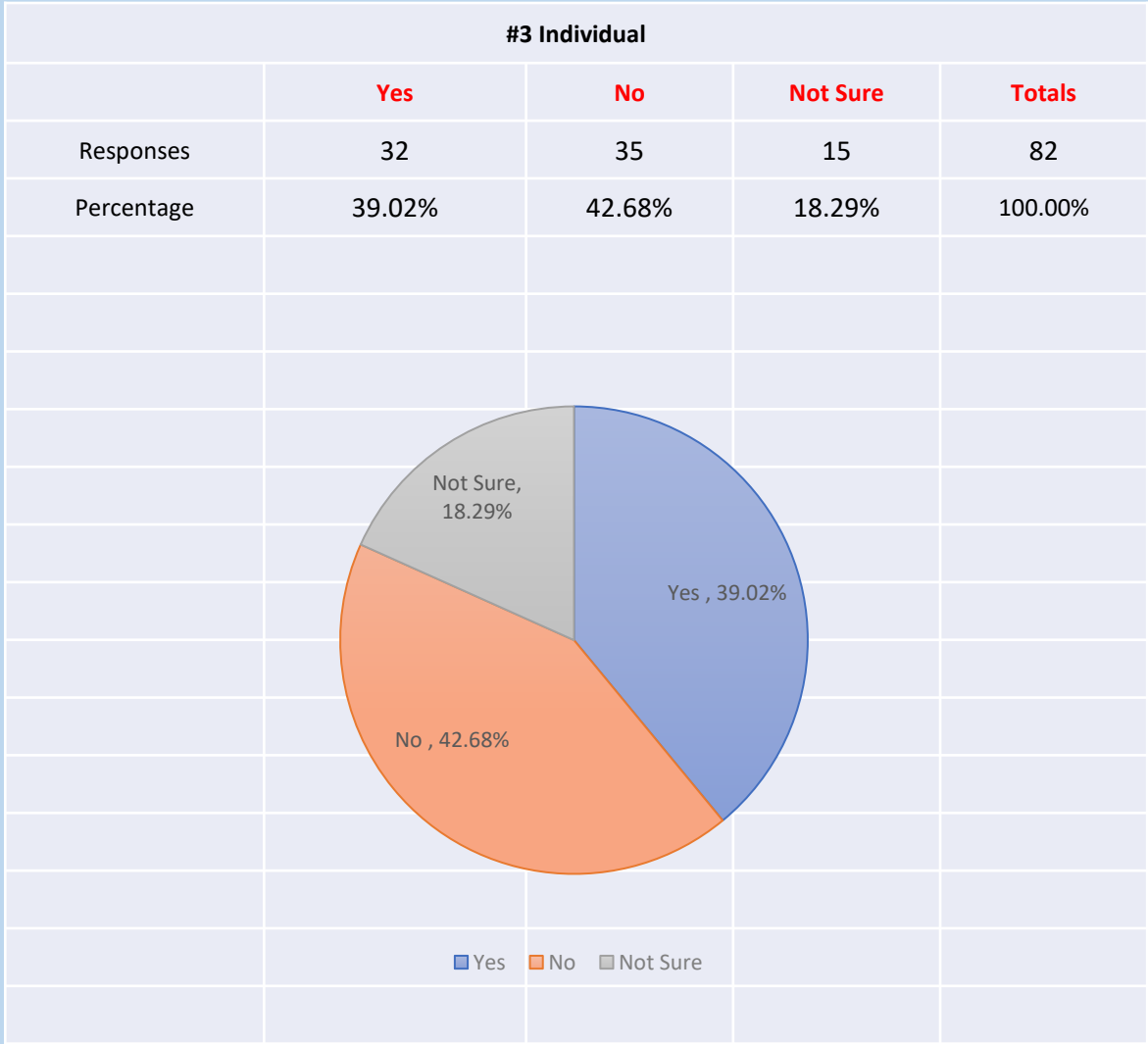
#2	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	67	12	4	83
Percentage	80.72%	14.46%	4.82%	100.00%

#2 Individual Versus Group

	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	59	11	3	73
Individual %	80.8%	15.1%	4.1%	100.0%
Group Count	7	1	1	9
Group %	77.8%	11.1%	11.1%	100.0%

Question #3

3. Should the Delegate's Report be a standalone event (no assembly attached)?

#3 Individual

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	32	35	15	82
Percentage	39.02%	42.68%	18.29%	100.00%

#3 Individual Versus Group

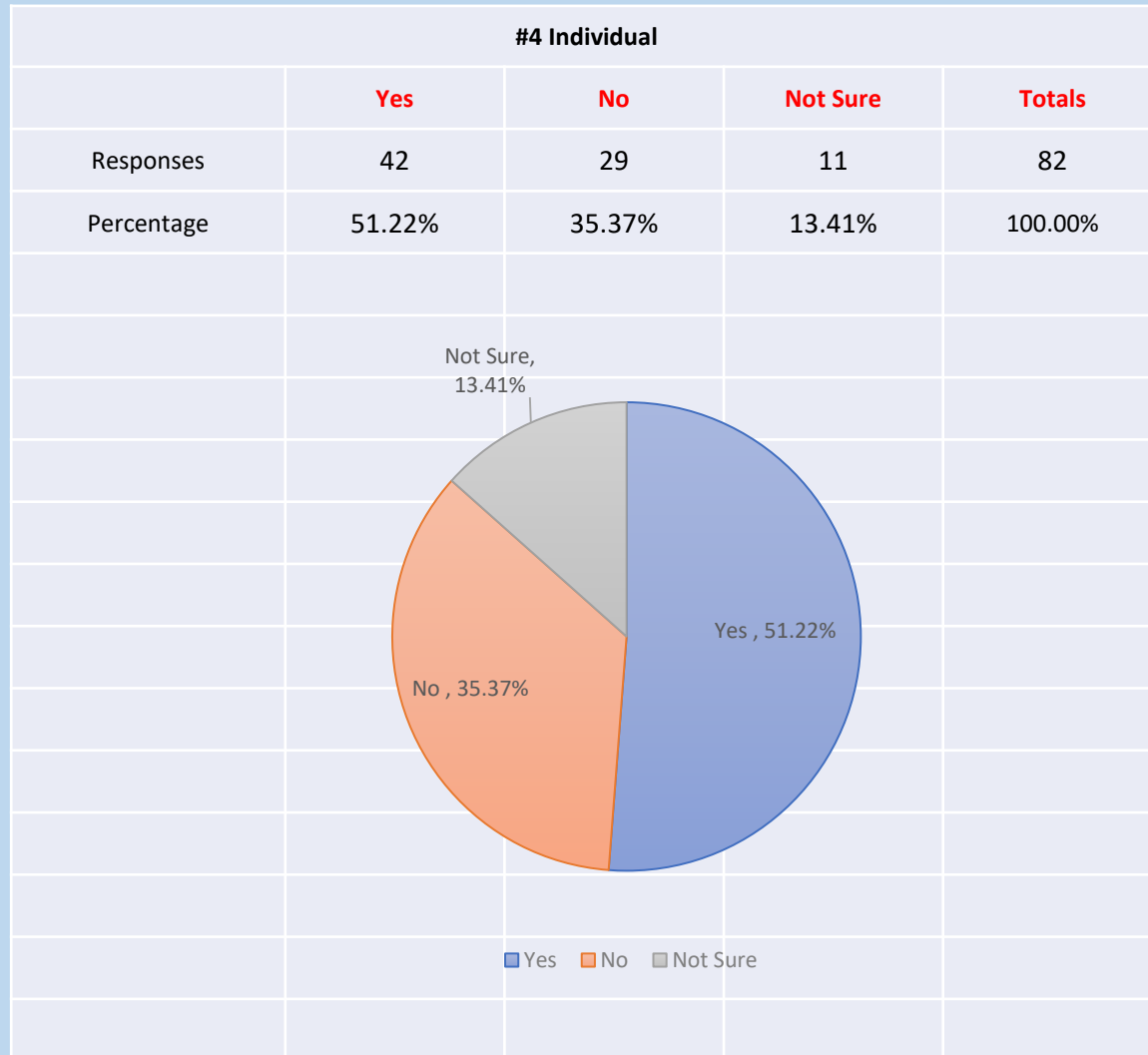|	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	28	31	13	72
Individual %	38.9%	43.1%	18.1%	100.0%
Group Count	3	4	2	9
Group %	33.3%	44.4%	22.2%	100.0%

Comment Question 3, Yes, Unless there is pressing business

Question #4
4. Should the Area Committee meeting be held the same day as the Delegate's report?

#4 Individual

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	42	29	11	82
Percentage	51.22%	35.37%	13.41%	100.00%

Pie chart:
- Not Sure, 13.41%
- Yes, 51.22%
- No, 35.37%

Legend: Yes | No | Not Sure

#4 Individual Versus Group

	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	36	26	10	72
Individual %	50.0%	36.1%	13.9%	100.0%
Group Count	6	2	1	9
Group %	66.7%	22.2%	11.1%	100.0%

Bar chart:
- Yes: Individual 50.0%, Group 66.7%
- No: Individual 36.1%, Group 22.2%
- Not sure: Individual 13.9%, Group 11.1%

Legend: Individual | Group
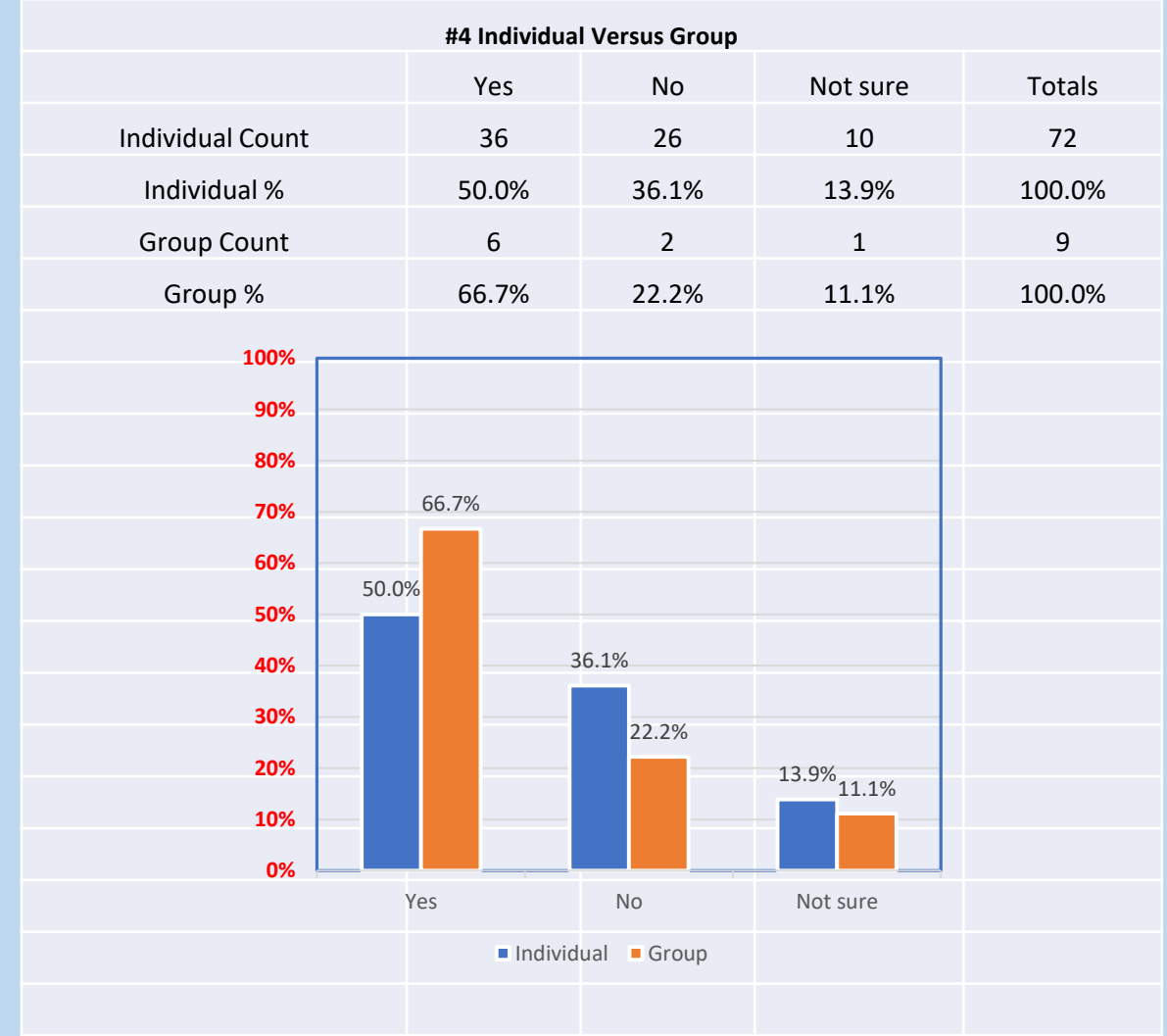
Comment Question-4 If the ACM was accomplishing something it would be great. The way things are now it doesn't matter.
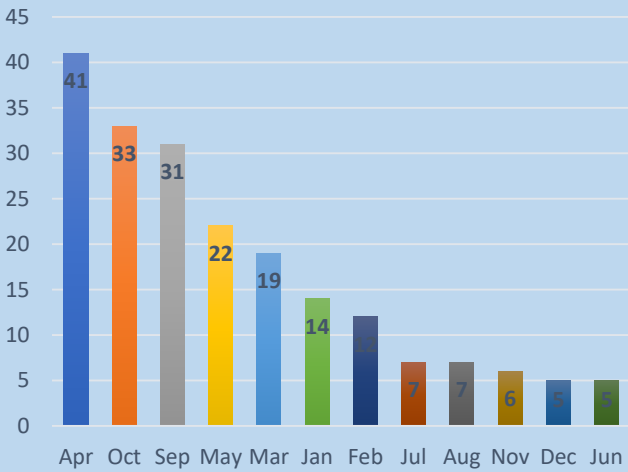
Question #5 Assembly

5. Based on the Area 74 Calendar, please select what would be the optimal number of *Assembly Meetings* per year and desired months

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
						#5 Assembly							
Responses	14	12	19	41	22	5	7	7	31	33	6	5	77
Percentage	18.18%	15.58%	24.68%	53.25%	28.57%	6.49%	9.09%	9.09%	40.26%	42.86%	7.79%	6.49%	

Assembly Percentage by Month
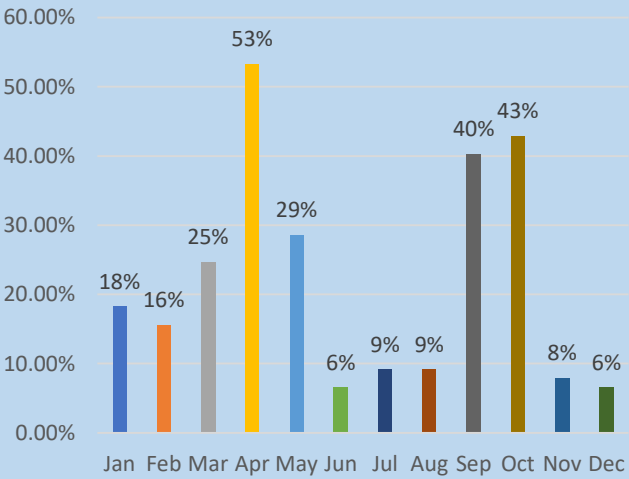
Assembly Count by Month

**Assembly Count by Selected Number of Months**
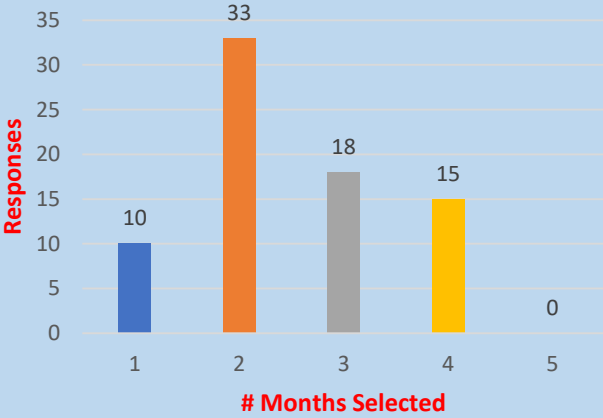
Comment Question 5--Assm. Jan, orientation, workshop Feb or Mar, election Oct. Comment Question 5--ACM. Could also use technology instead of face to face months.

Question #5 ACM

5. Based on the Area 74 Calendar, please select what would be the optimal number of *Committee Meetings* per year and desired months.

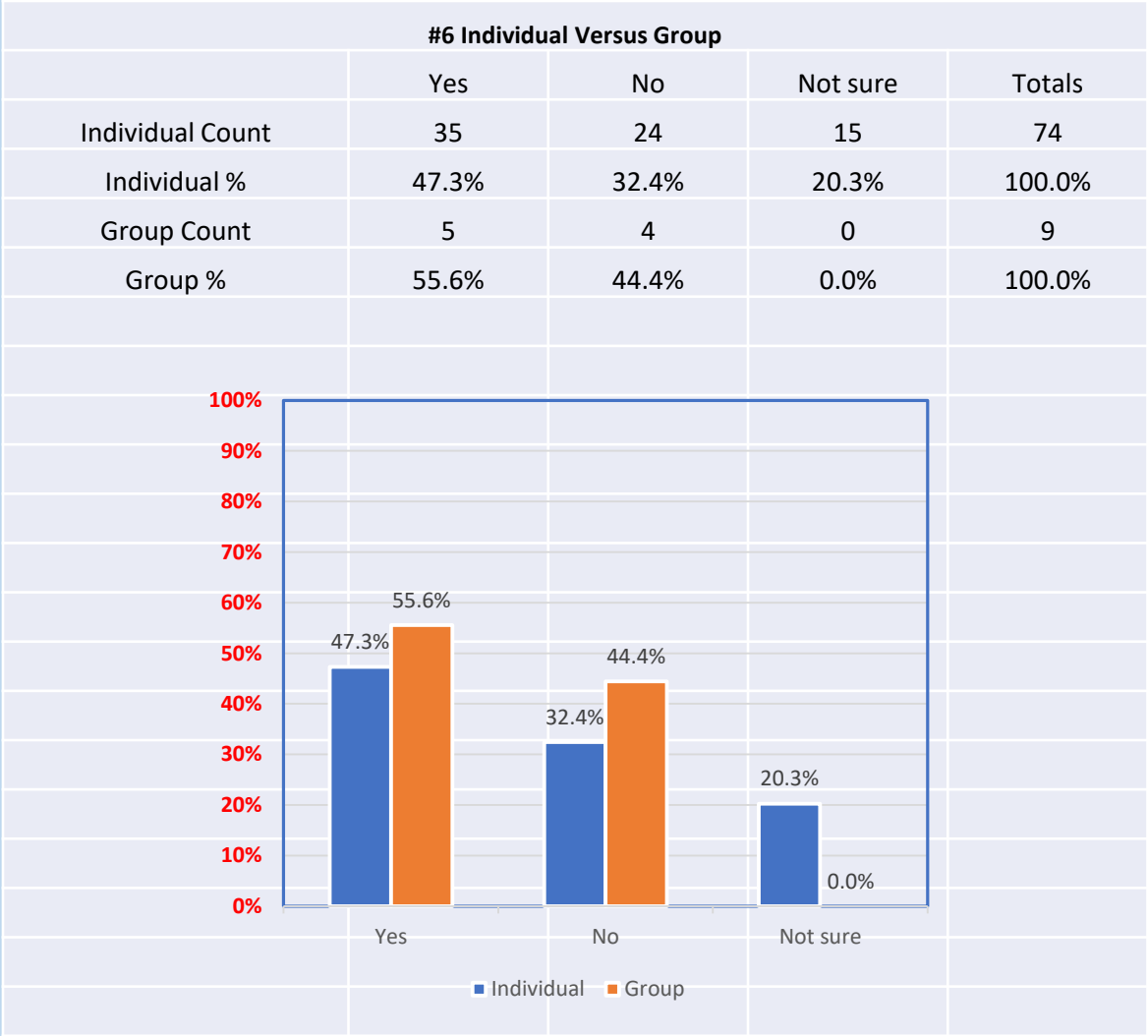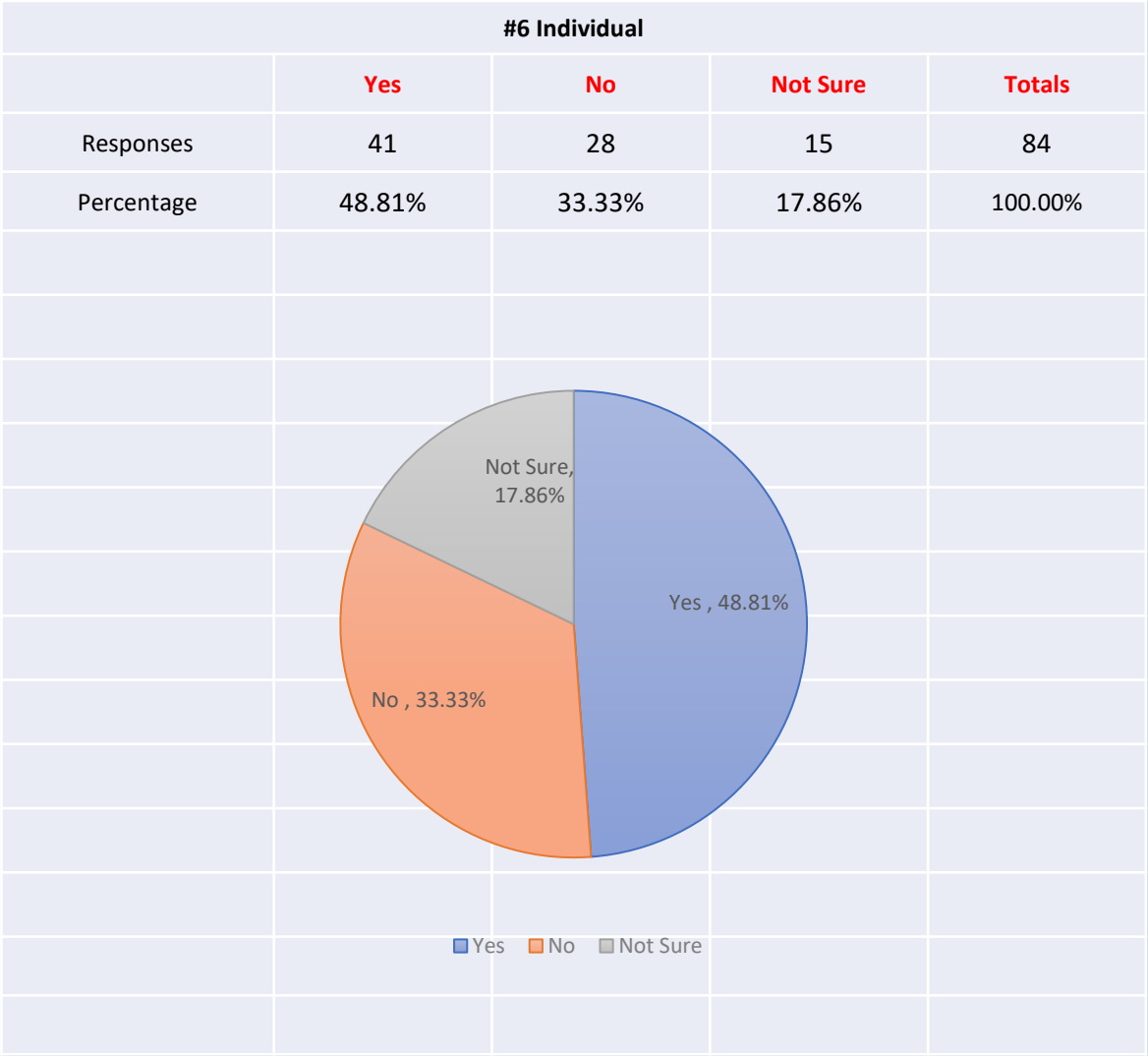| #5 ACM													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Responses	17	9	33	21	25	7	8	9	38	14	4	13	71
Percentage	23.94%	12.68%	46.48%	29.58%	35.21%	9.86%	11.27%	12.68%	53.52%	19.72%	5.63%	18.31%	
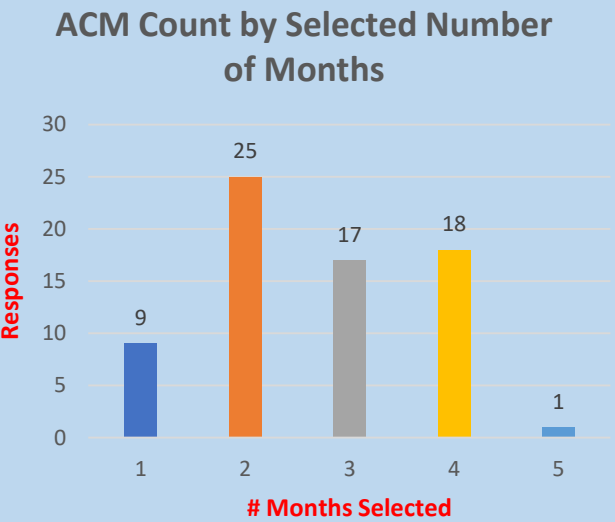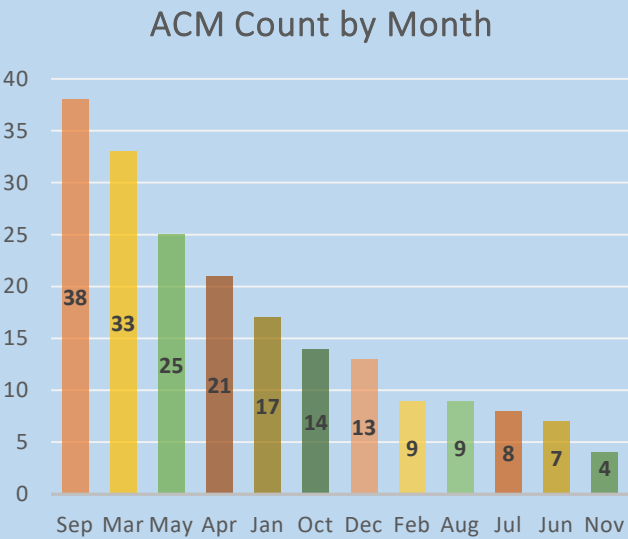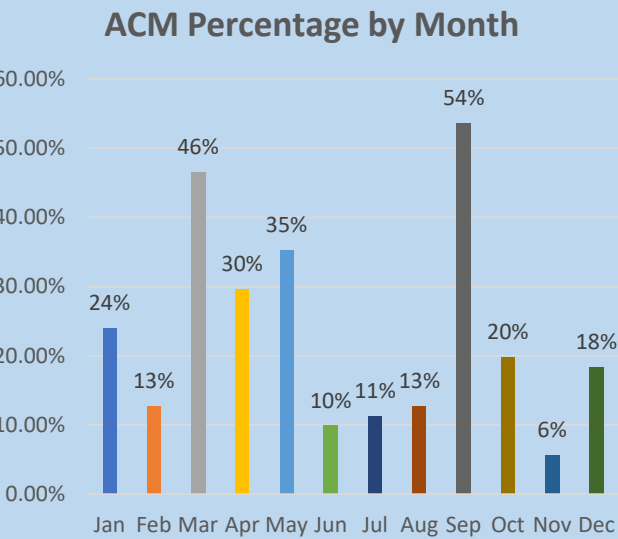
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Questions 6-10

Question #6

6. Would Area 74 benefit from a Parliamentarian? (A Parliamentarian is an expert in meeting procedures serving as an advisor)
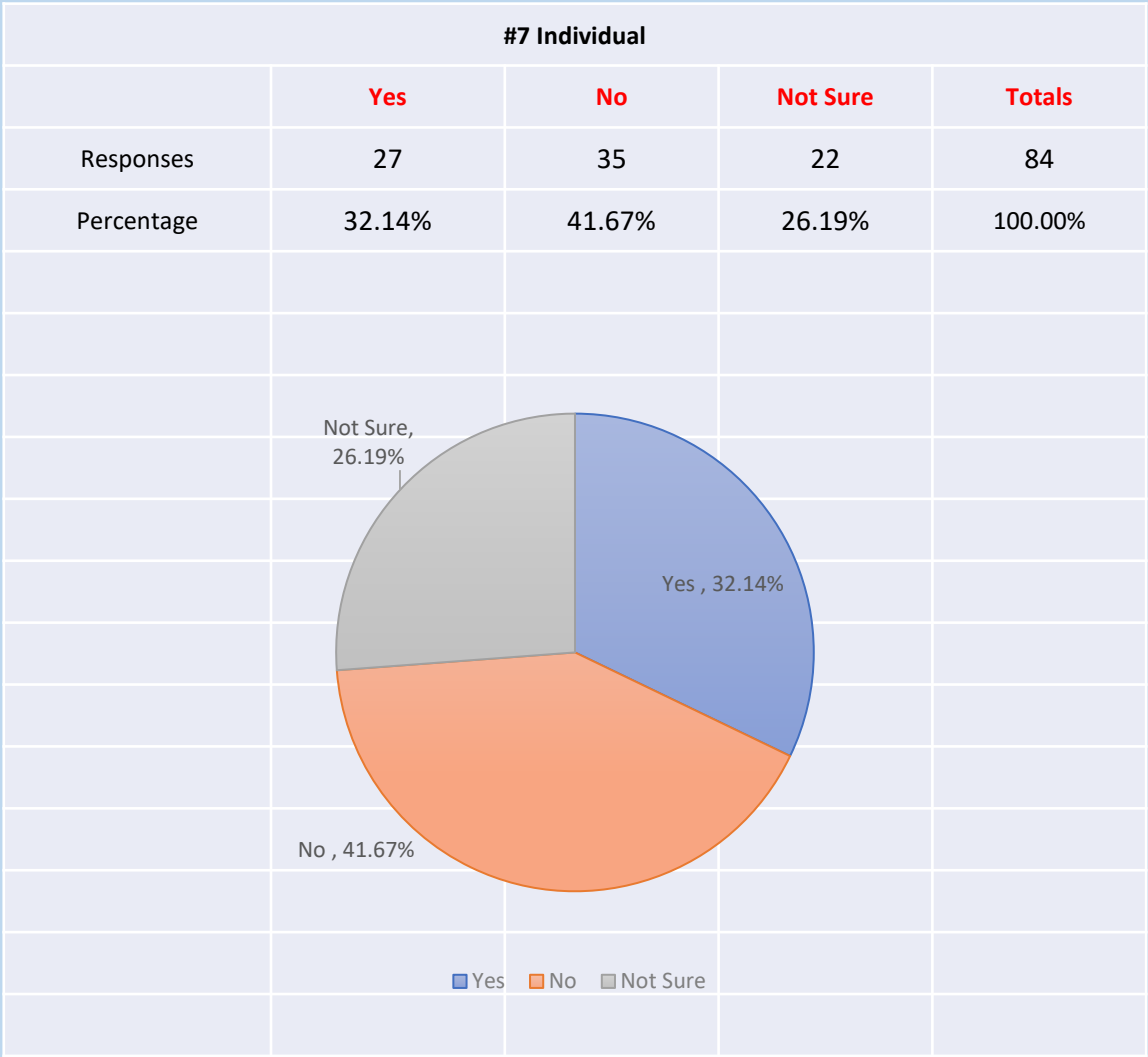
#6 Individual

	Yes	**No**	**Not Sure**	**Totals**
Responses	41	28	15	84
Percentage	48.81%	33.33%	17.86%	100.00%

#6 Individual Versus Group

	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	35	24	15	74
Individual %	47.3%	32.4%	20.3%	100.0%
Group Count	5	4	0	9
Group %	55.6%	44.4%	0.0%	100.0%

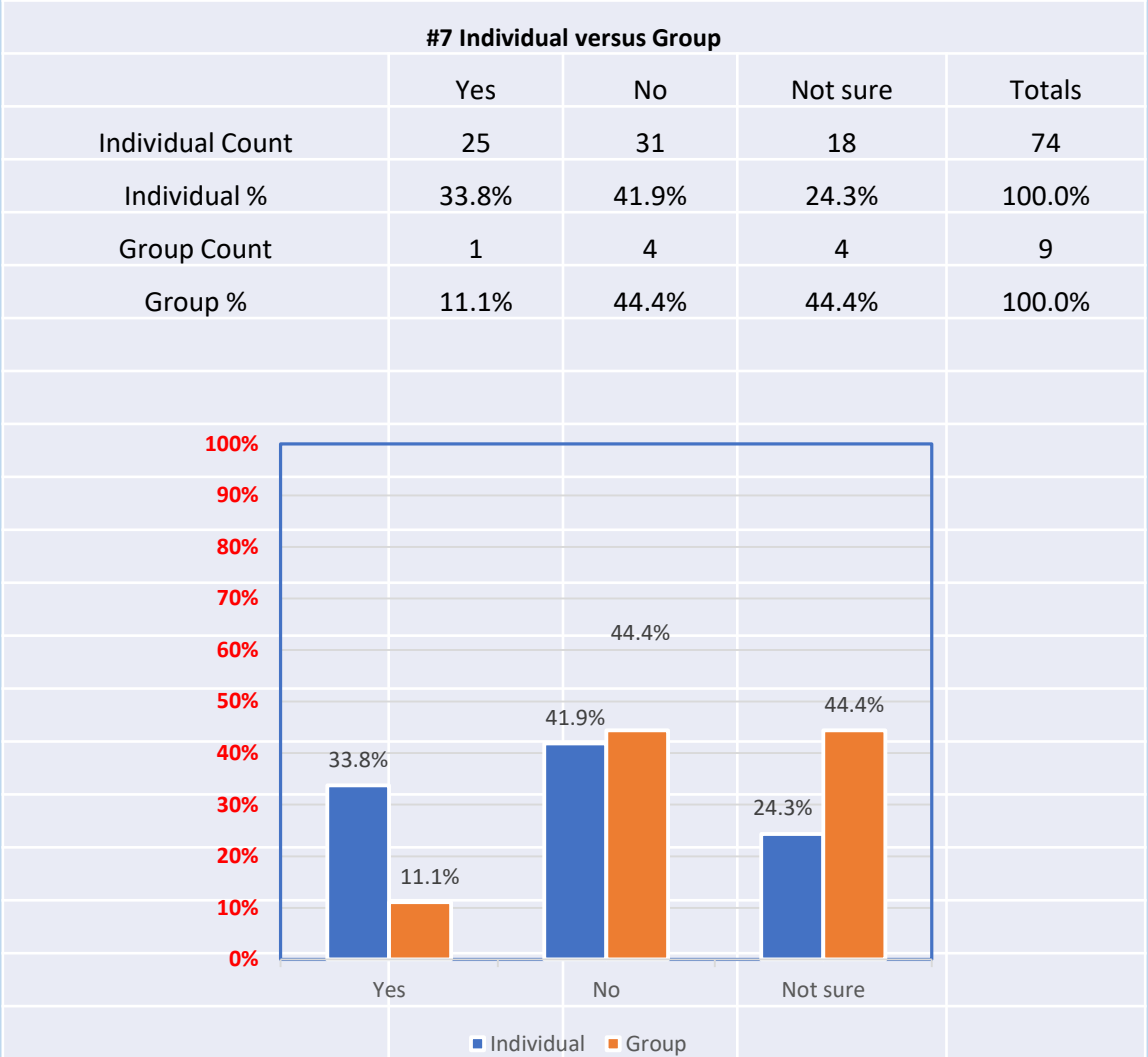**Comment Question 6--Do too much by letter as opposed to spirit of the law**

Question #7

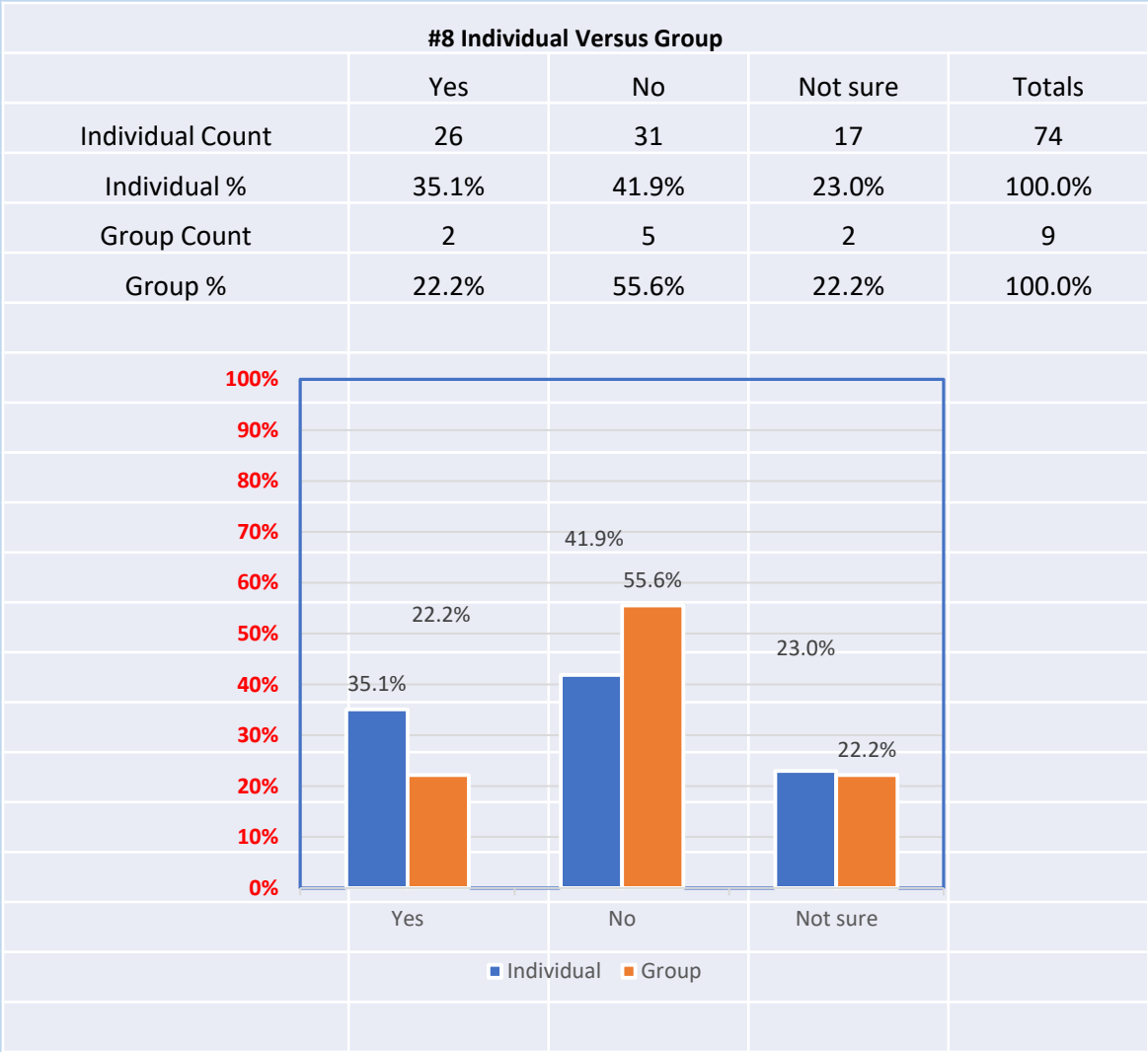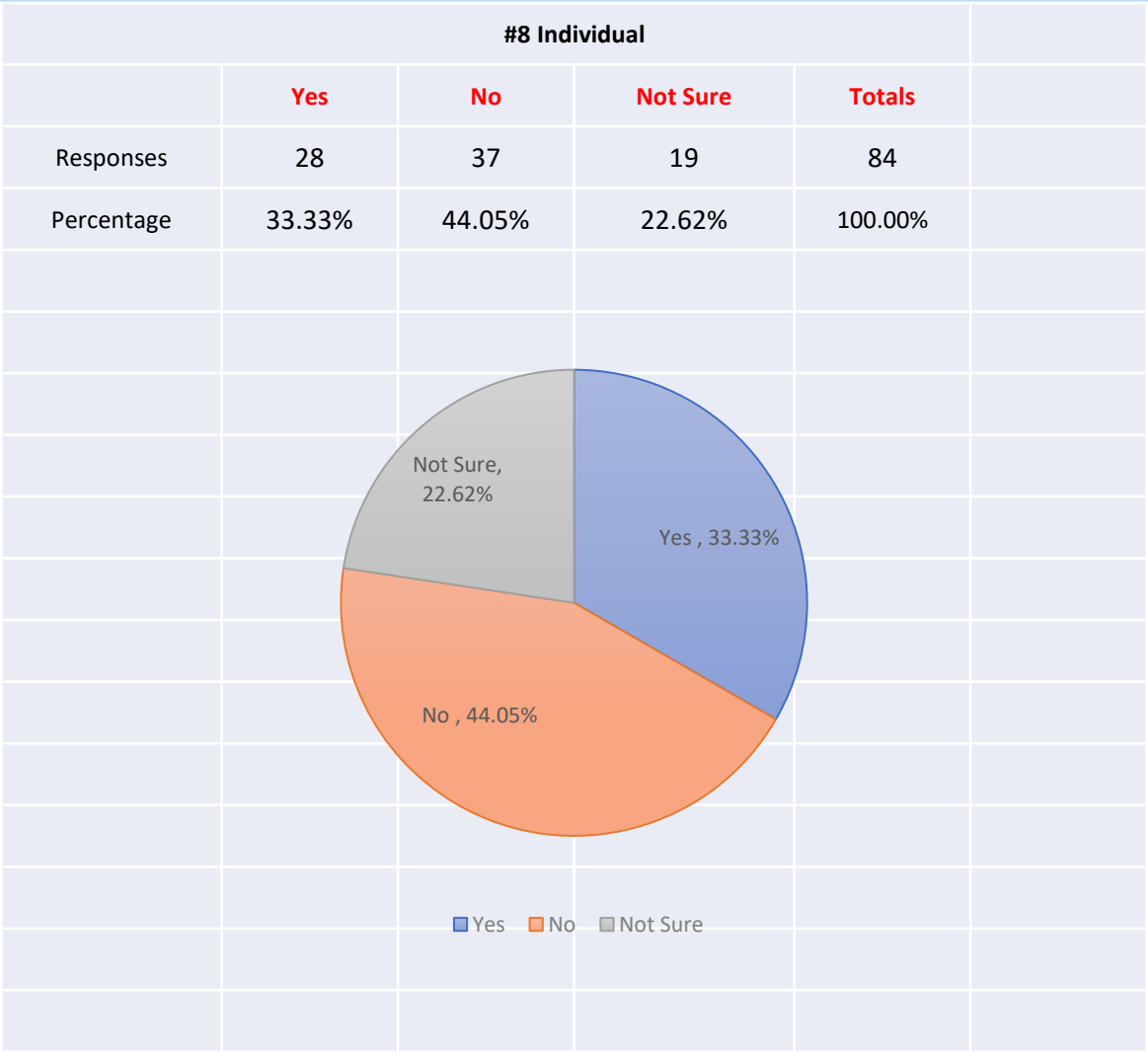## 7. Is there a perception of the Area Committee having too much power/excessive authority?

#7 Individual

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	27	35	22	84
Percentage	32.14%	41.67%	26.19%	100.00%

#7 Individual versus Group

	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	25	31	18	74
Individual %	33.8%	41.9%	24.3%	100.0%
Group Count	1	4	4	9
Group %	11.1%	44.4%	44.4%	100.0%

Comment Question 7--My perception is they are not doing what they are charged with, responsibility for health of area
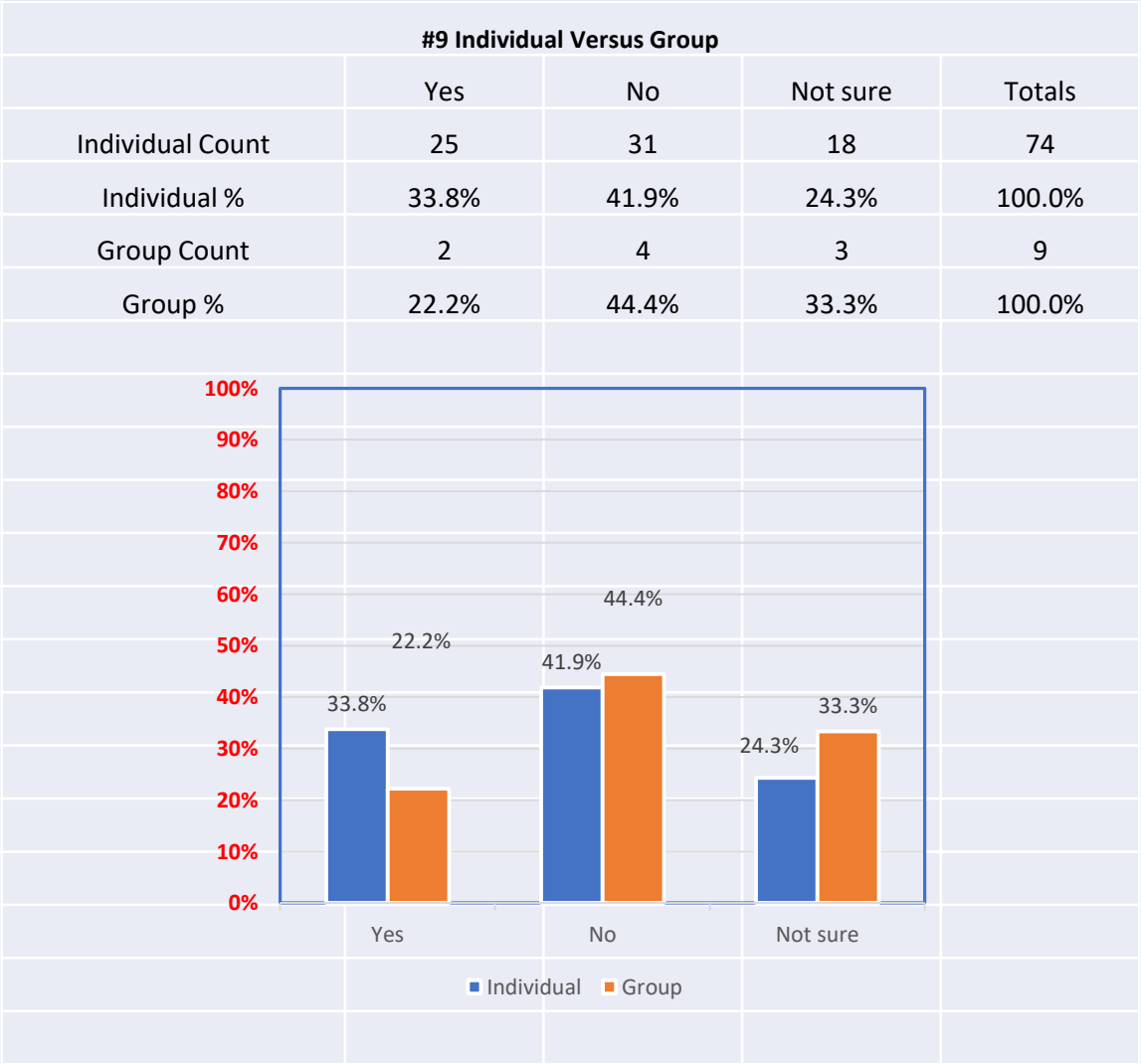
Question #8
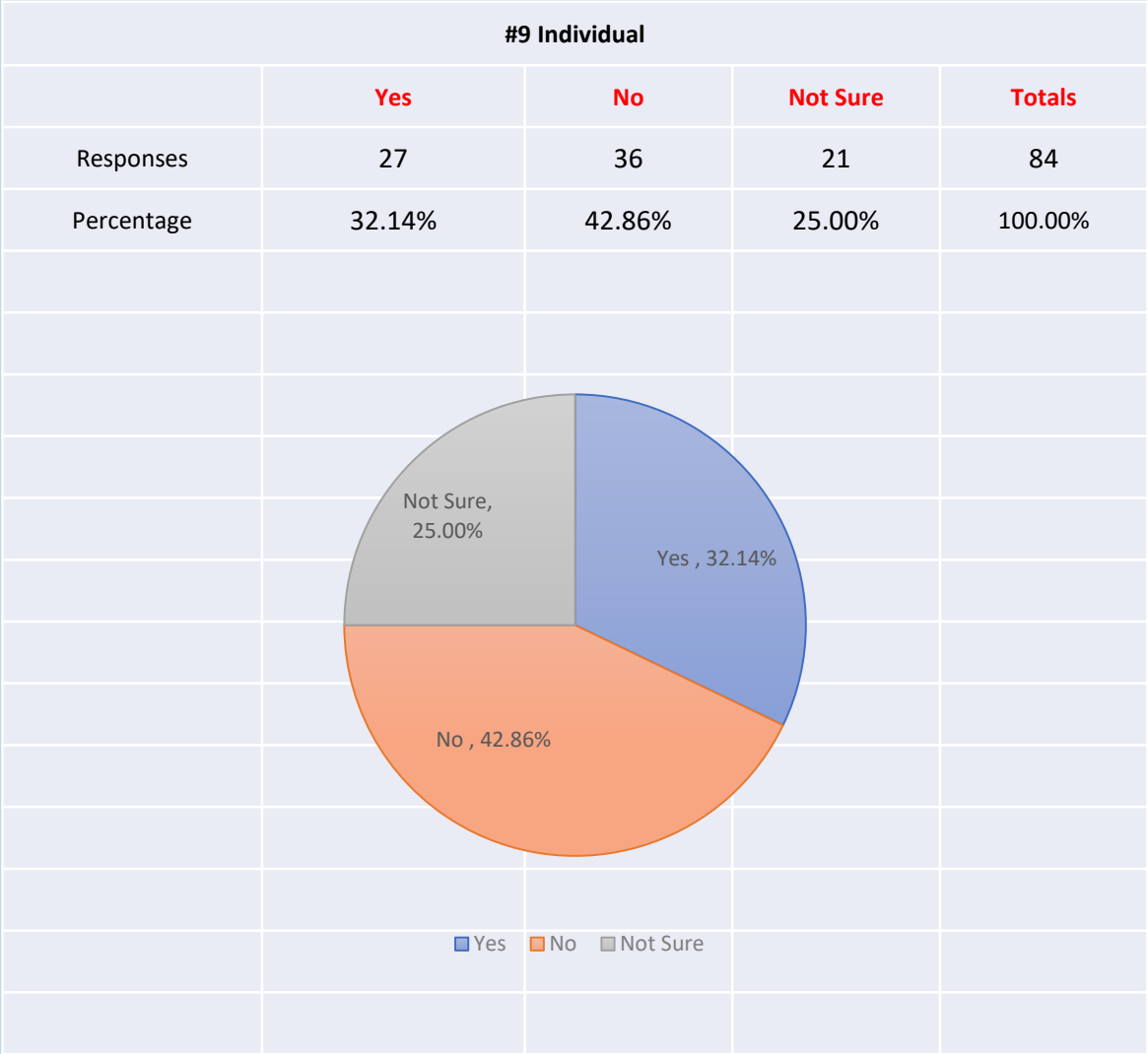## 8. Is the Area 74 Assembly effective at encouraging participation in general service and committee work?
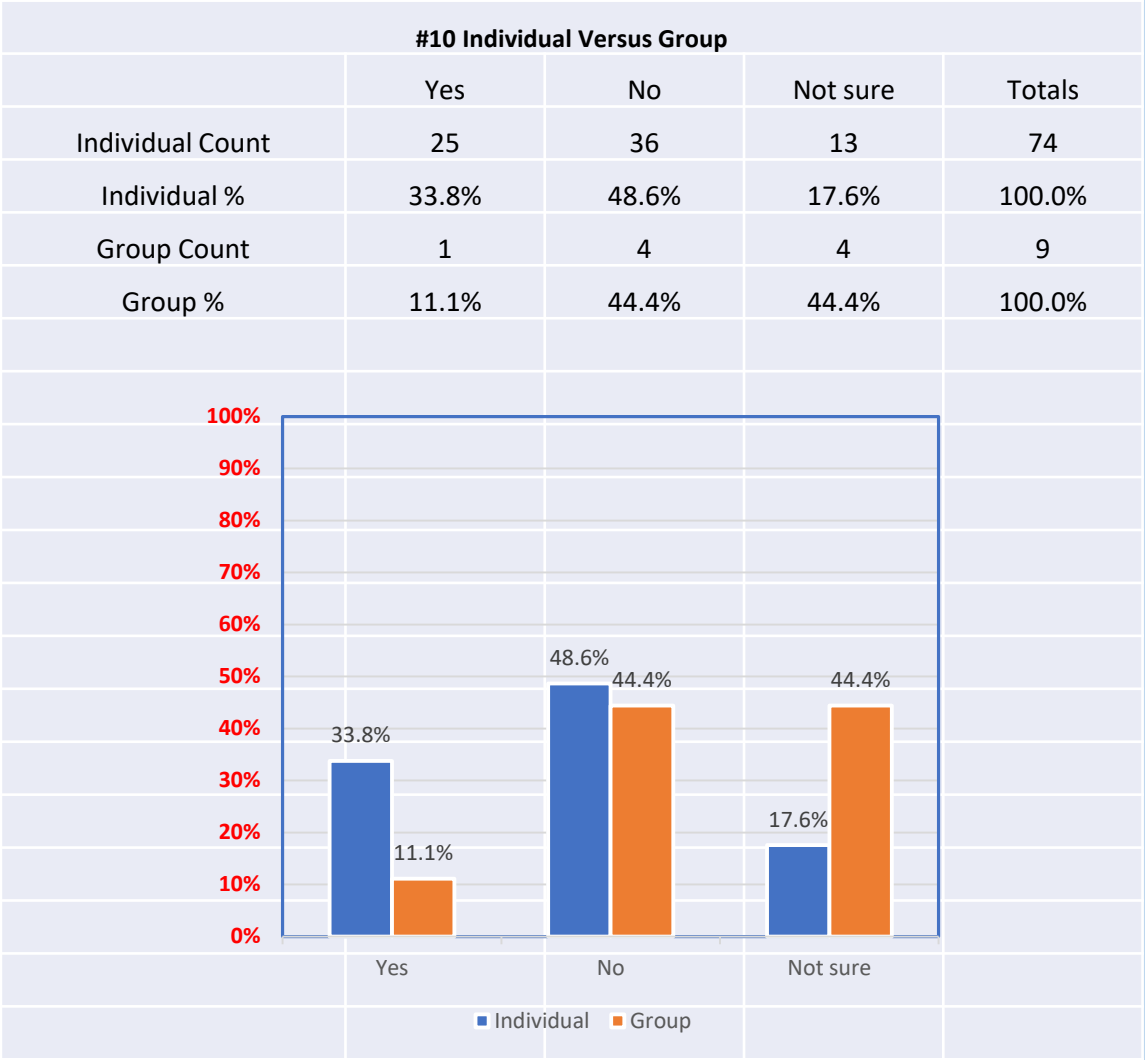
#8 Individual

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals	
Responses	28	37	19	84	
Percentage	33.33%	44.05%	22.62%	100.00%	

#8 Individual Versus Group

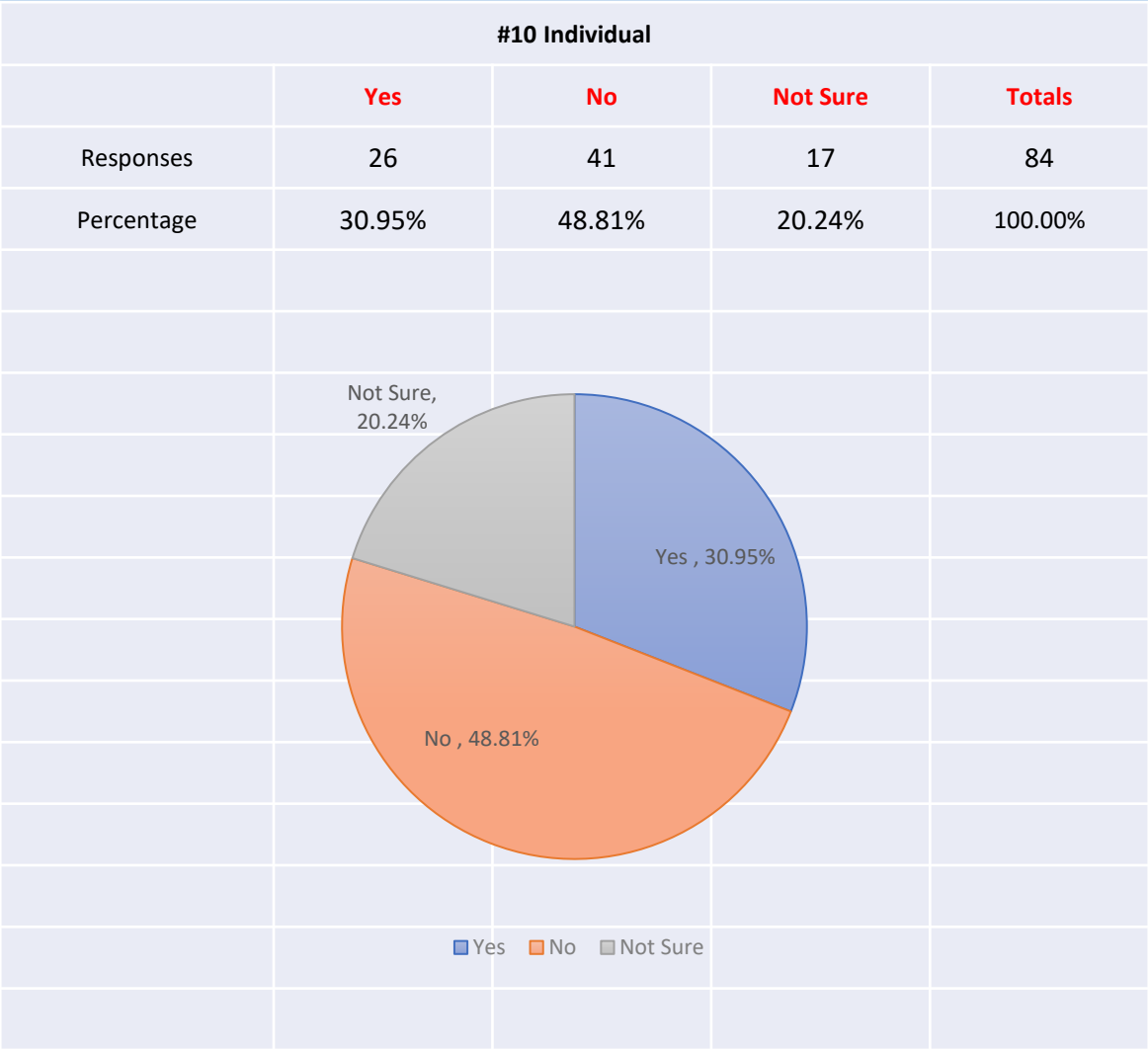|	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	26	31	17	74
Individual %	35.1%	41.9%	23.0%	100.0%
Group Count	2	5	2	9
Group %	22.2%	55.6%	22.2%	100.0%

Question #9

9. Has the Area Assembly and/or Area Committee been effective at implementing sharing session feedback?

#9 Individual

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	27	36	21	84
Percentage	32.14%	42.86%	25.00%	100.00%

#9 Individual Versus Group

	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	25	31	18	74
Individual %	33.8%	41.9%	24.3%	100.0%
Group Count	2	4	3	9
Group %	22.2%	44.4%	33.3%	100.0%

Question #10

10. Have Area Committees been effective at encouraging participation on their respective committees and general service as a whole?

#10 Individual

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	26	41	17	84
Percentage	30.95%	48.81%	20.24%	100.00%

#10 Individual Versus Group

	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	25	36	13	74
Individual %	33.8%	48.6%	17.6%	100.0%
Group Count	1	4	4	9
Group %	11.1%	44.4%	44.4%	100.0%

Question 10, No, certain committees with active chairs

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Format Questions 11-18

Question #11
11. Should the Area Committee be responsible for setting the Area Assembly Agenda?

#11 Individual

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	45	28	11	84
Percentage	53.57%	33.33%	13.10%	100.00%
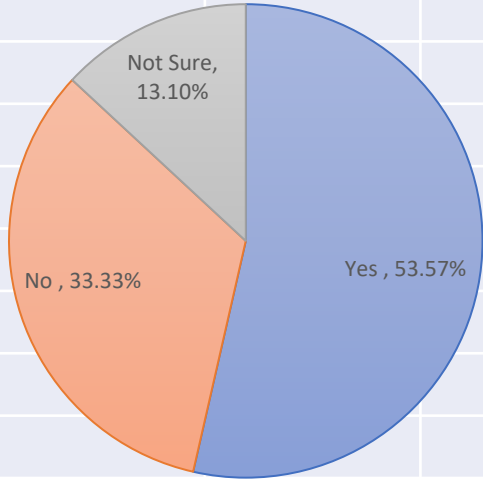
#11 Individual Versus Group

	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	41	23	10	74
Individual %	55.4%	31.1%	13.5%	100.0%
Group Count	4	4	1	9
Group %	44.4%	44.4%	11.1%	100.0%
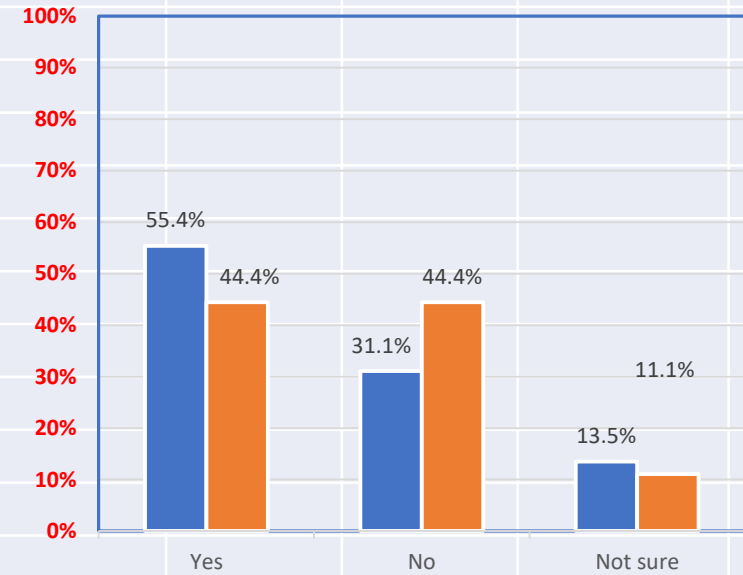
Question 11, Yes, take suggestions from Assembly

Question #11a

11a. If not, then who should?

#11a					
	Chair	Assembly	DCM/GSR	Other	Totals
Responses	16	4	6	4	30
Percentage	53.33%	13.33%	20.00%	13.33%	100.00%

Pie chart:
- Chair, 53.33%
- Assembly, 13.33%
- DCM/GSR, 20.00%
- Other, 13.33%

Legend: Chair, Assembly, DCM/GSR, Other
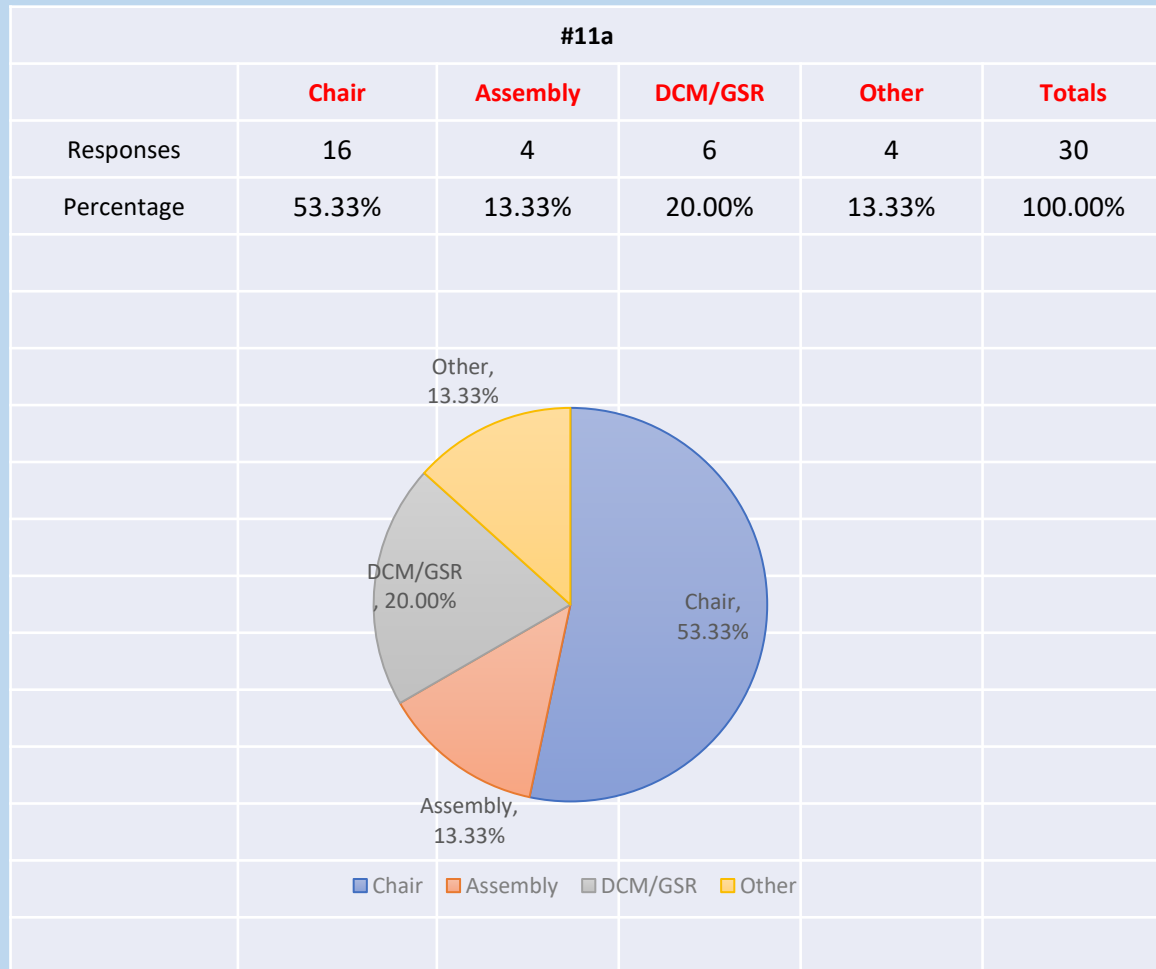
It should be set with much more input from DCMs , therefore the groups

The groups- input from GSR's. It could be submitted through the Now and Then,

Yes, if committee actively pursues input including that which SHOULD be obtained from dark districts if at all possible.

Area Chair w/ approval by AC

Anyone with a topic should be able to submit agenda and chair person arranges the agenda.

GSR's, Officers, DCM's at Assembly

Sub commity volunteers

Area Chair with the help of the Delegate

Chair and Delegate

Area Chair with input from the committee
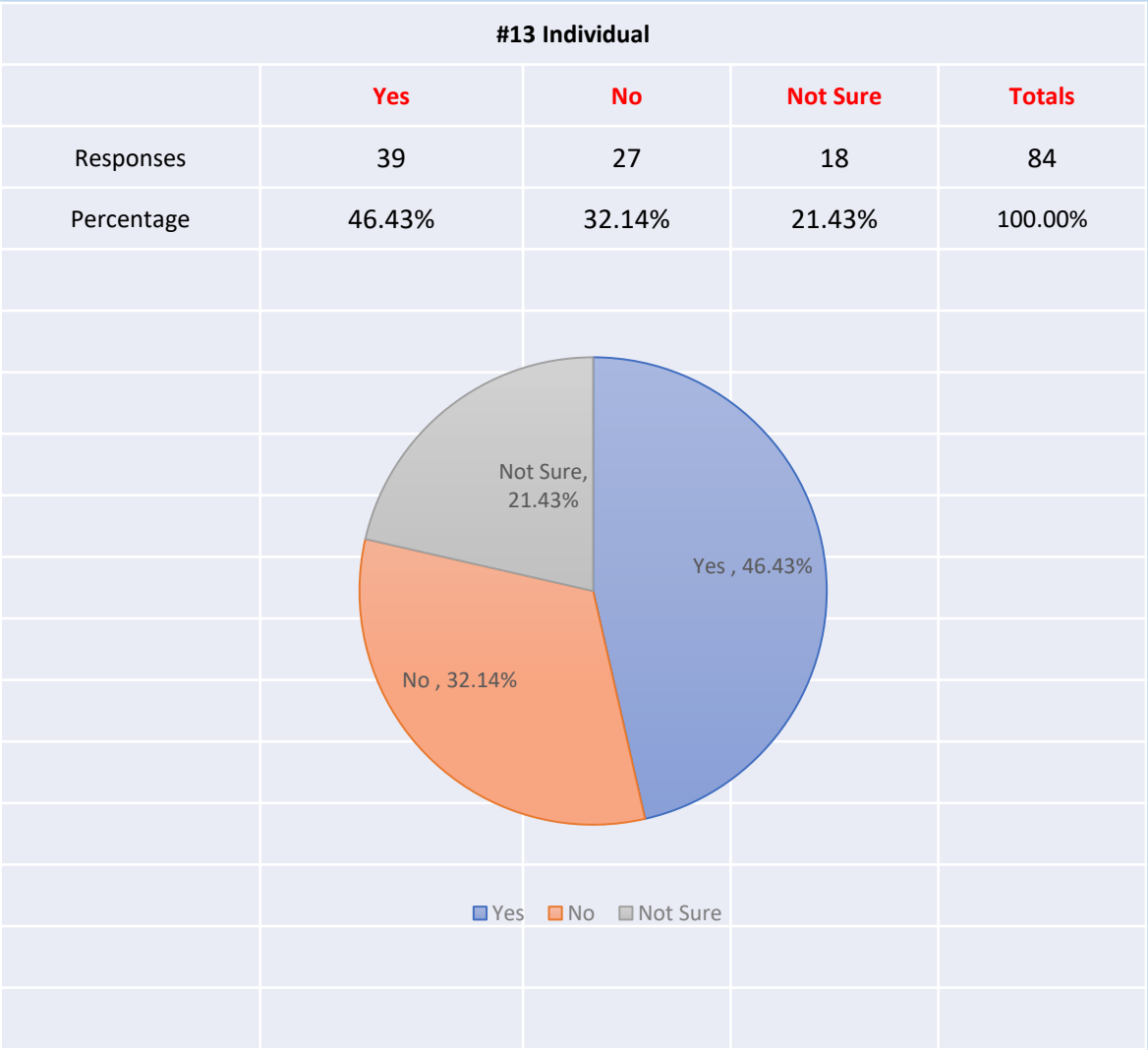
#11a--Chair and delegate

Question #12

12. Should DCMs be giving reports at the Area Committee Meeting?

#12	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	46	26	12	84
Percentage	54.76%	30.95%	14.29%	100.00%

#12 Individual Versus Group	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	40	23	11	74
Individual %	54.1%	31.1%	14.9%	100.0%
Group Count	5	3	1	9
Group %	55.6%	33.3%	11.1%	100.0%
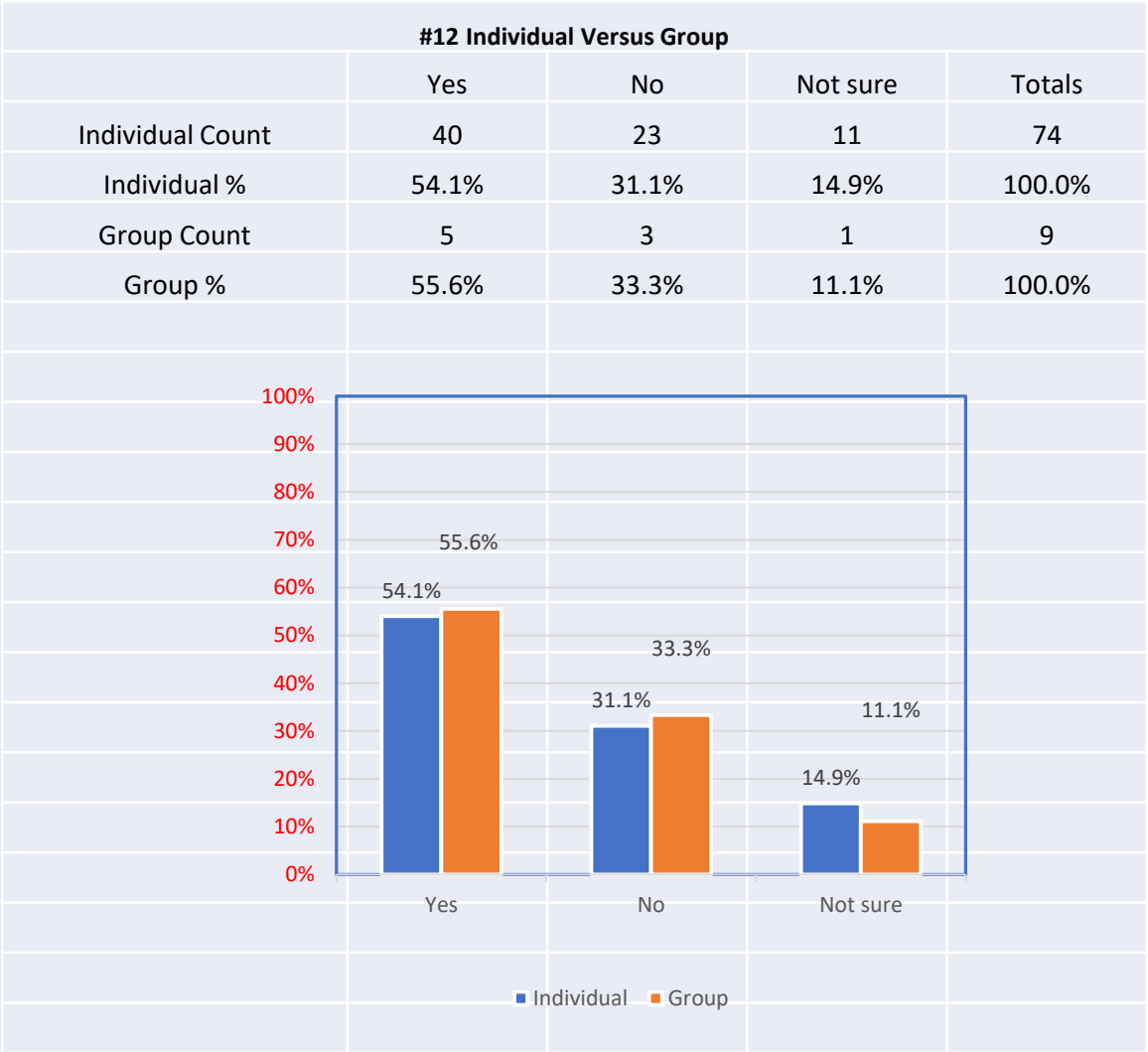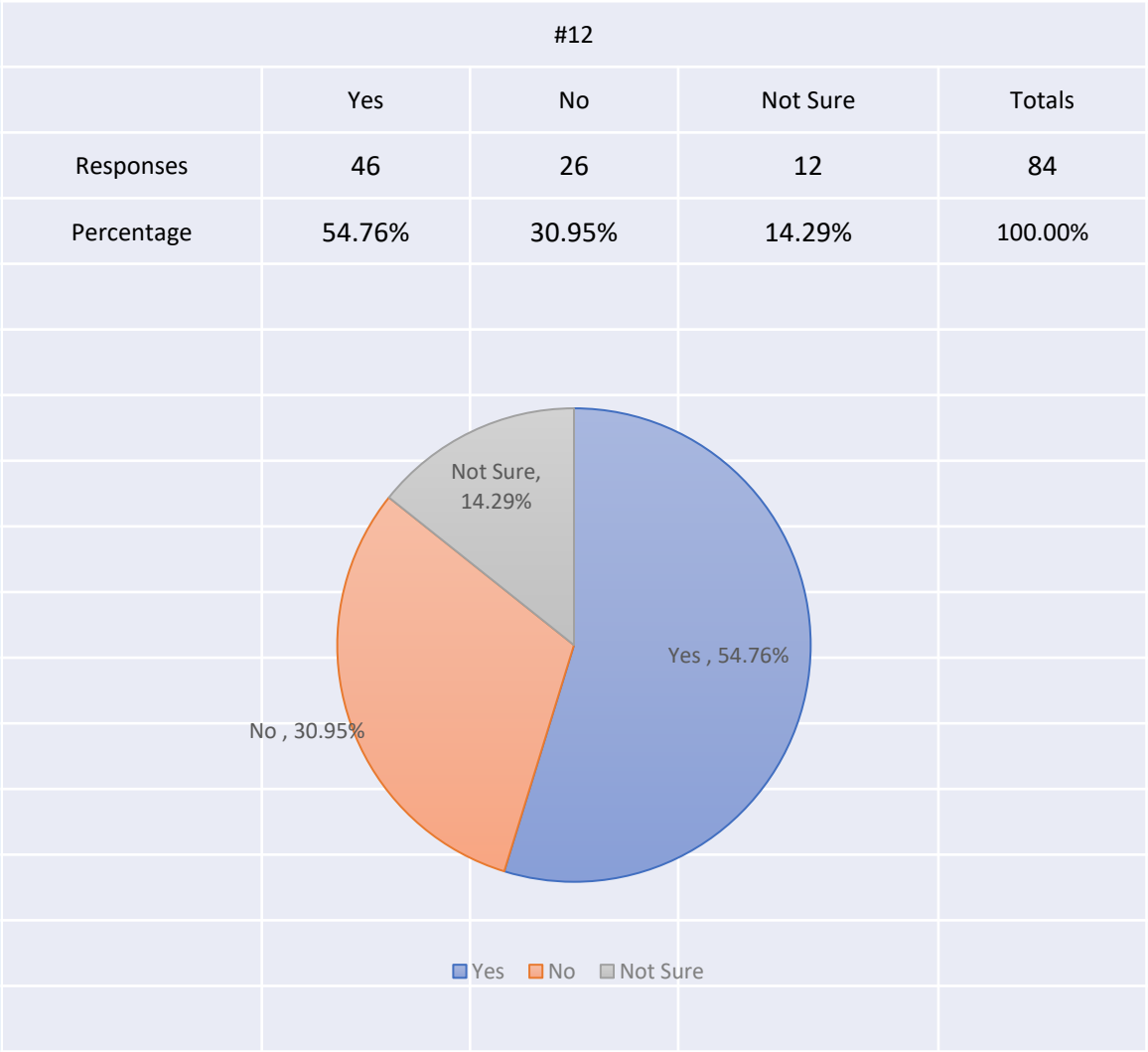
Comment Question 12--Give reports at assemblies

Question #13

13. Are Committee Chairs reporting often enough to the Assembly?

#13 Individual

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	39	27	18	84
Percentage	46.43%	32.14%	21.43%	100.00%

#13 Individual Versus Group

	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	35	22	17	74
Individual %	47.3%	29.7%	23.0%	100.0%
Group Count	4	4	1	9
Group %	44.4%	44.4%	11.1%	100.0%

Comments Question 13--Since they don't do much there is not much to report Question 13, No, Electronic is fine

Question #14
14. Is it necessary for Committee Chairs to give oral reports?

#14 Individual

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	48	25	11	84
Percentage	57.14%	29.76%	13.10%	100.00%

#14 Individual Versus Group

	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	41	24	9	74
Individual %	55.4%	32.4%	12.2%	100.0%
Group Count	6	1	2	9
Group %	66.7%	11.1%	22.2%	100.0%
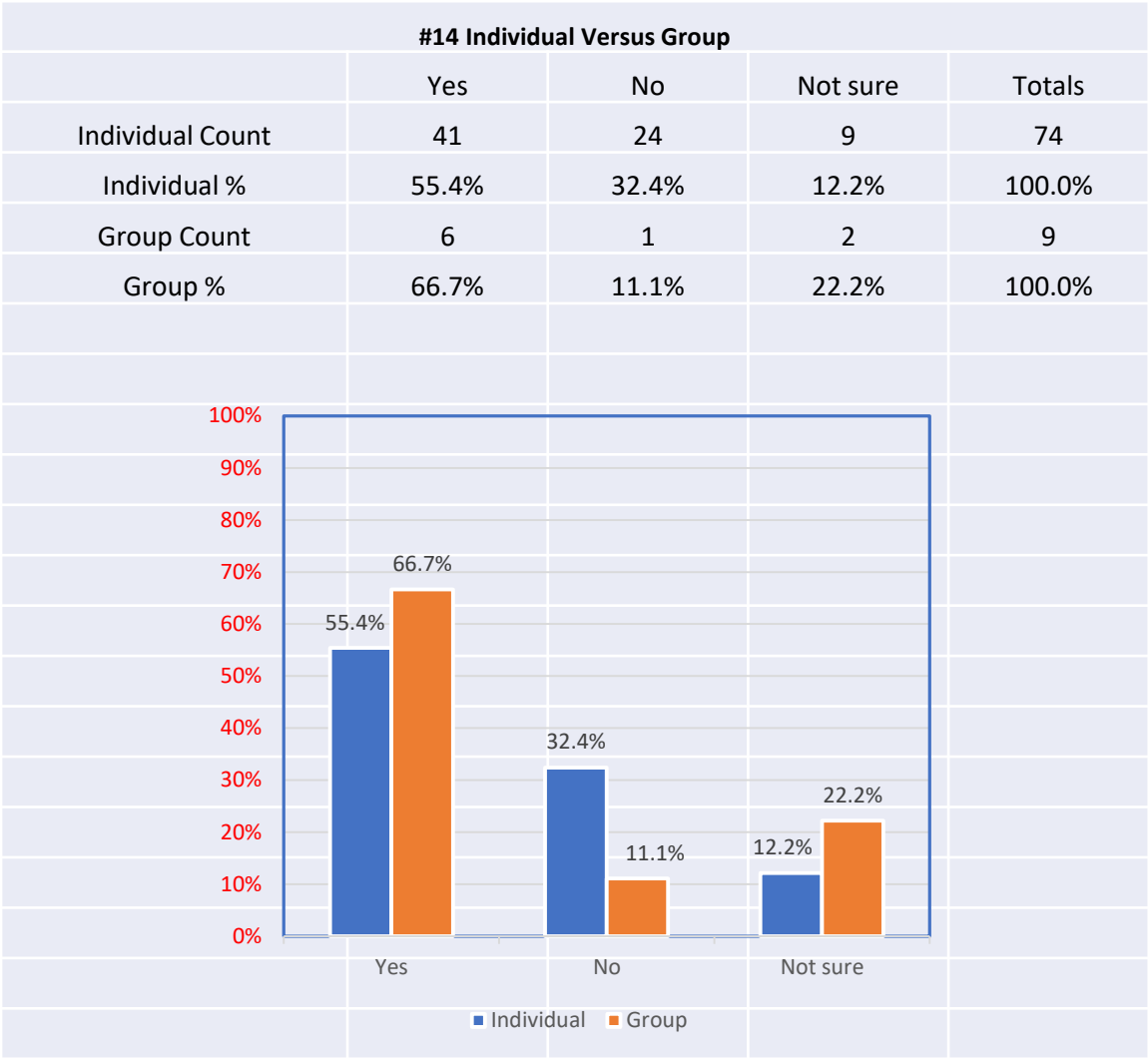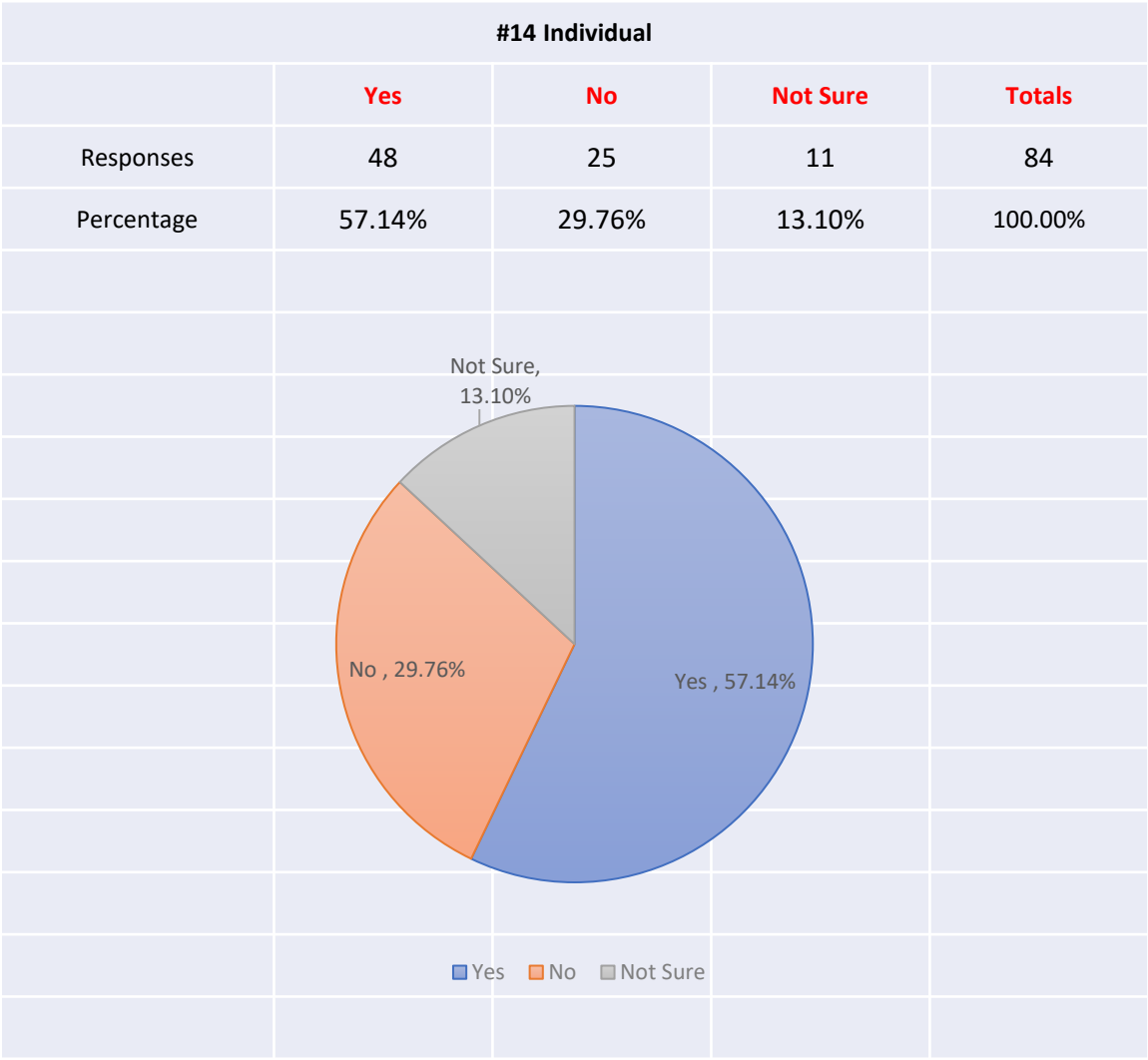
Question 14, No, usually not on odd years

Question #15

15. Is it necessary for DCMs to give oral reports?

#15 Individual

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	53	24	7	84
Percentage	63.10%	28.57%	8.33%	100.00%

#15 Individual Versus Group

	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	46	22	6	74
Individual %	62.2%	29.7%	8.1%	100.0%
Group Count	6	2	1	9
Group %	66.7%	22.2%	11.1%	100.0%
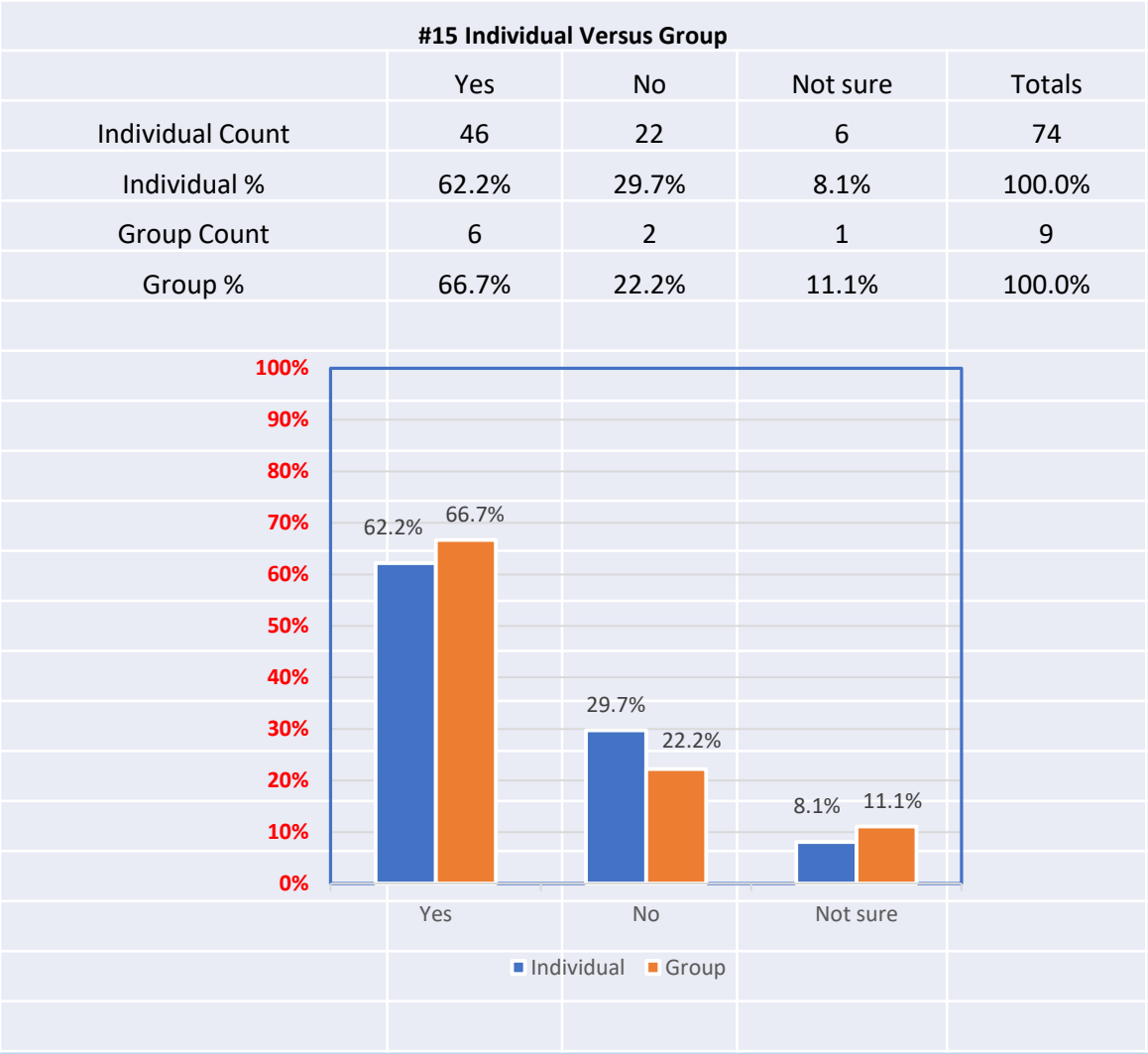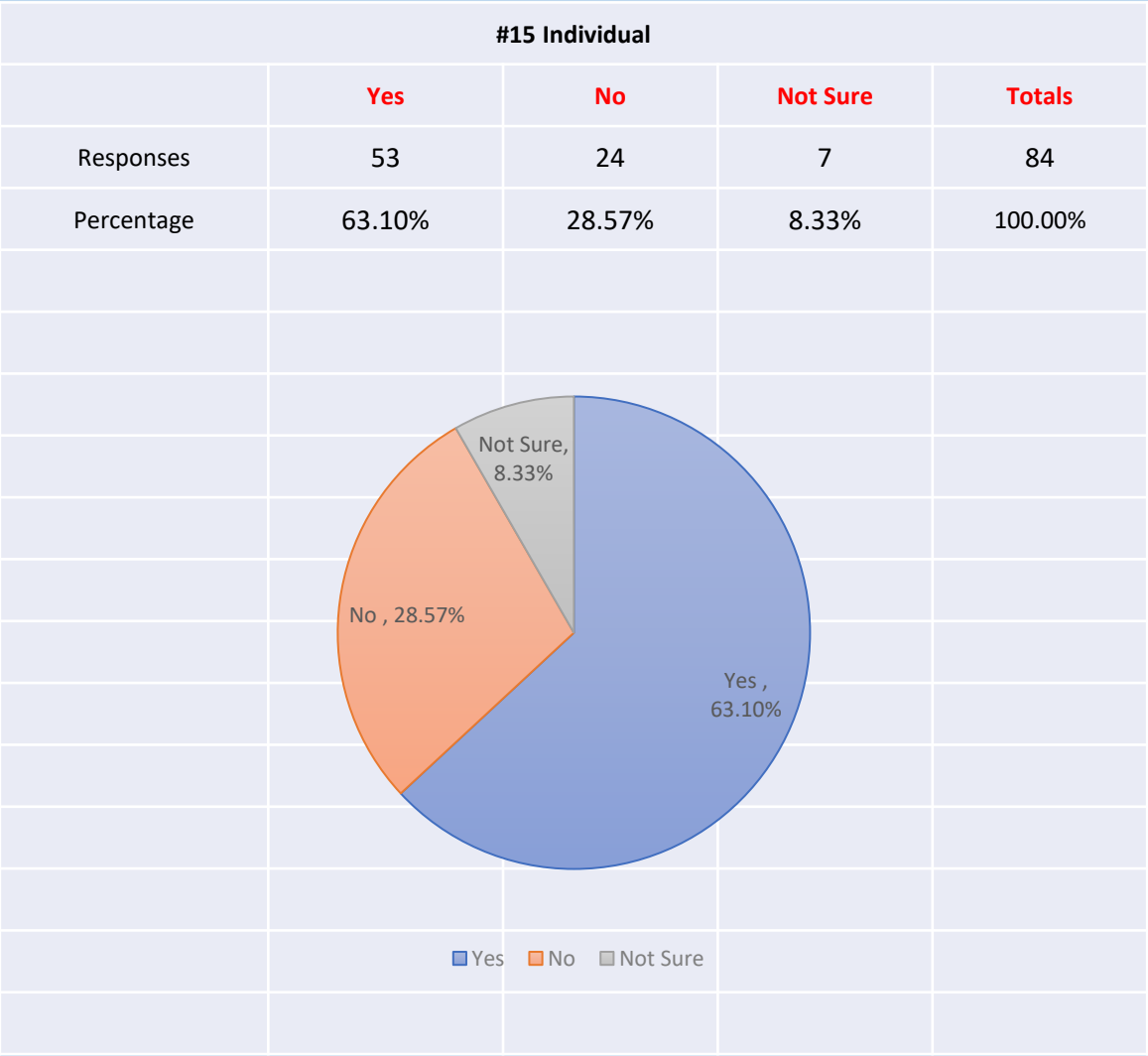
Question 15, Yes, GSRs can have interest in committee

Question #16

16. Should Area 74 have a standard agenda format for Assemblies?

#16 Individual

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	59	12	11	82
Percentage	71.95%	14.63%	13.41%	100.00%

#16 Individual Versus Group

	Yes	No	Not sure	Totals
Individual Count	52	11	10	73
Individual %	71.2%	15.1%	13.7%	100.0%
Group Count	6	1	1	8
Group %	75.0%	12.5%	12.5%	100.0%
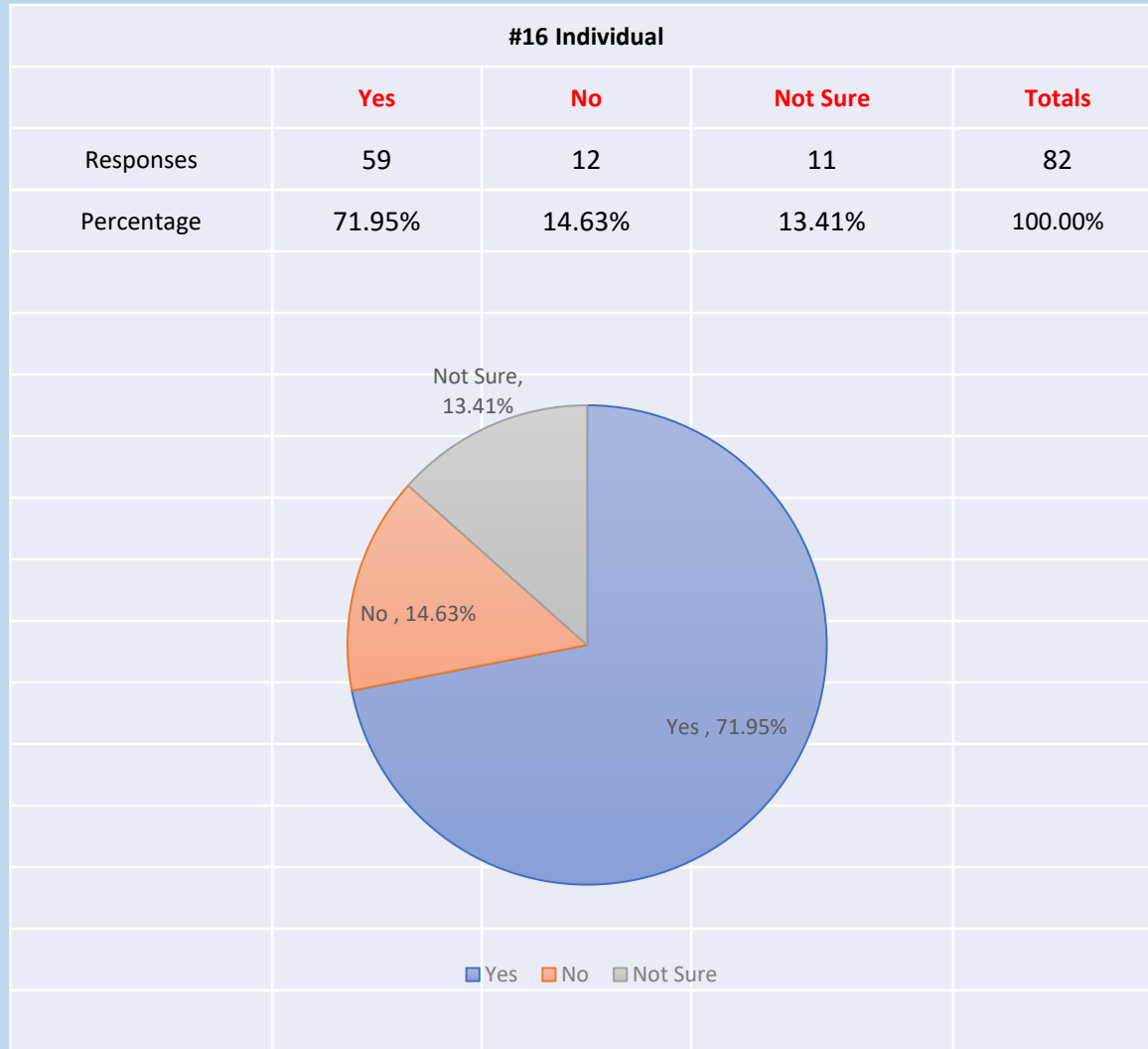
#16--Not sure, poorly worded
Question 16, no answer given , electronic or short
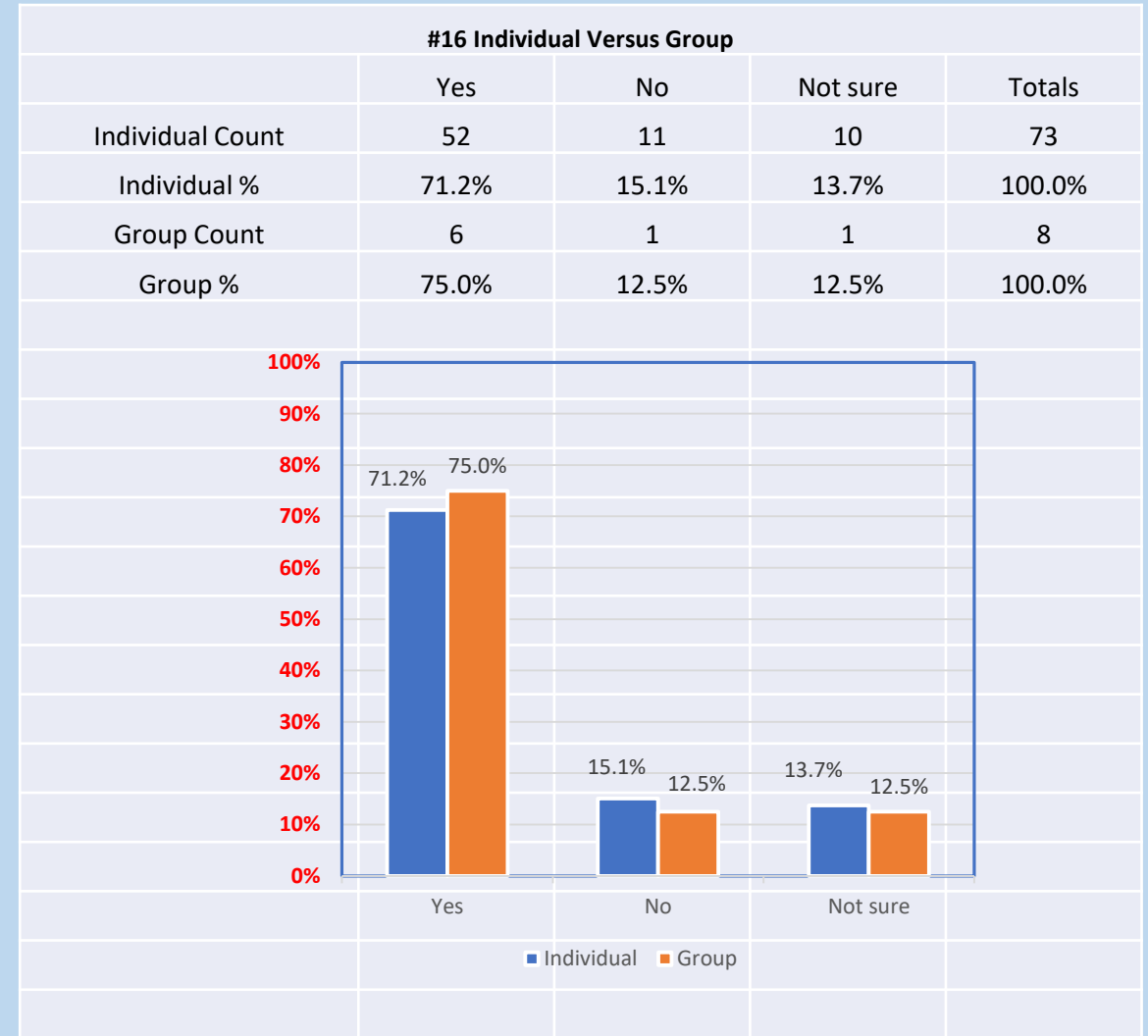
Comment Question 16--Area chairs should have some flexibility to make position their own provided they are using conf. approved literature and basis

Question #17

17. As part of the *Assembly*—Are Workshops Beneficial?

#17 Workshop Assembly				
	Yes	**No**	**Not Sure**	**Totals**
Responses	68	7	7	82
Percentage	82.93%	8.54%	8.54%	100.00%

Not Sure, 8.54%
No , 8.54%
Yes , 82.93%
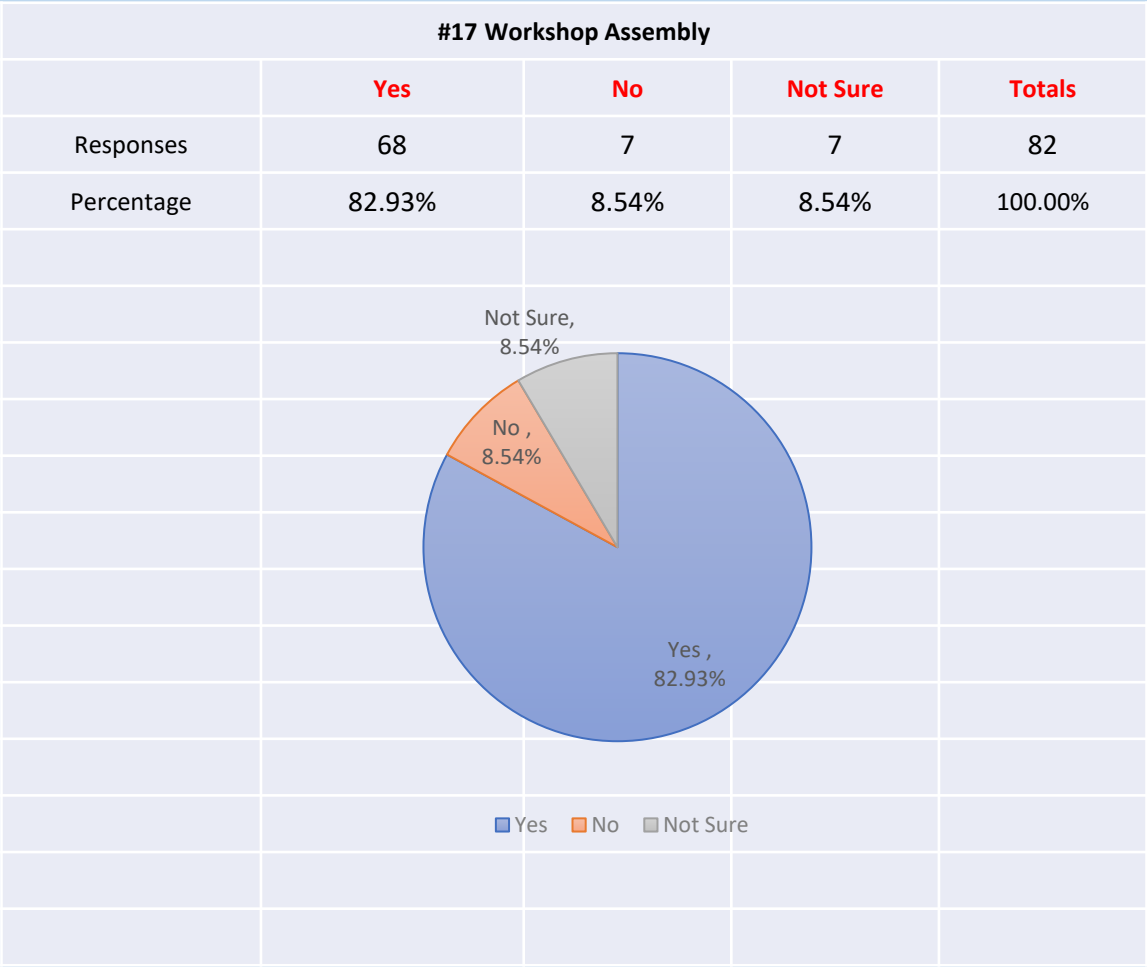
Yes   No   Not Sure

Comment Question 17--When would the workshop be held? Question 17, Yes, High pts not set in stone

Question #17

17. As part of the *Assembly*—Are Sharing Sessions Beneficial?

#17 Sharing Assembly				
	Yes	**No**	**Not Sure**	**Totals**
Responses	60	11	11	82
Percentage	73.17%	13.41%	13.41%	100.00%

Yes, 73.17%
No, 13.41%
Not Sure, 13.41%

Yes   No   Not Sure

Comment Question 17--if something was done with shared info otherwise a waste time

Question #17
17. As part of the *Assembly*—Are Presentations Beneficial?

#17 Presentation Assembly				
	Yes	**No**	**Not Sure**	**Totals**
Responses	63	10	7	80
Percentage	78.75%	12.50%	8.75%	100.00%

Question #18

18. As part of the *Area Committee Meeting*—Workshops Beneficial?

#18 Workshop ACM				
	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	57	18	7	82
Percentage	69.51%	21.95%	8.54%	100.00%

Question #18

18. As part of the *Area Committee Meeting*—Sharing Session Beneficial?

#18 Sharing ACM				
	Yes	No	Not Sure	Totals
Responses	53	24	5	82
Percentage	64.63%	29.27%	6.10%	100.00%

Not Sure, 6.10%
No , 29.27%
Yes , 64.63%

■ Yes   ■ No   ■ Not Sure

Comment Question 18--That is what they should be doing--sharing-- to carry msg

Question #18
18. As part of the *Area Committee Meeting*—Presentations Beneficial?

#18 Presentation ACM				
	Yes	**No**	**Not Sure**	**Totals**
Responses	52	21	7	80
Percentage	65.00%	26.25%	8.75%	100.00%

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Background Information Questions 19-21

Question #19

19. This survey was completed by an _____

#19				
	Individual	Group	District	Totals
Responses	**74**	**8**	**1**	**83**
Percentage	89.16%	9.64%	1.20%	98.80%

Question #19a

19a . If completed by an individual are you?

#19a				
	Current	**Past**	**Other**	**Totals**
Responses	41	21	5	67
Percentage	61.19%	31.34%	7.46%	100.00%

Question #20
20. I am/have participated in service work with (check all that apply)

#20					
	Homegroup	**District**	**Area**	**Other**	**Total**
Responses	74	61	47	19	79

Question #20a
20a. If other, please explain

Regional Events, General Service Conference.

Starting meeting, sponsoring alcoholics

Delegate to GSC

Central Office

corrections

intergroupt, treatment commitee

Community

Delegate to the GSC

Corrections meetings

though never drug than alcohol,

Another state years ago- was CPC

State Convention

Intergroup

central office

Thank you for giving a voice to the fellowship on how Area 74 should function

Passive Participant in variety of service venues early in sobriety in another area. In this dark district, there aren't opportunities to engage anyone in service. The third legacy is like black hole here.

I have served treatment centers, churches and any facility needing a connection to recovery in my personal community. Always trying to keeping a 'link' between professionals and Recovered AAs. We in this district have no formal or official committees.

Chairing a conference, Setting up workshops, Taking meetings into jail, Taking meeting into detox facility, Speaking at AA events/speaker meetings.

GSR's have individually been in all three

Group Conscience filled this out. At our Group level we have members that have participated in service work at the Home Group, District, Area, and Other Level, (Spring Conference 2019)

conferences

12th step

central office

Question #21

21. General Comments

I APPRECIATE ALL THE TIME THAT OUR TRUSTED SERVANTS GIVE TO OUR AREA/DISTRICT/HOME GROUP

The Area needs to get the business at hand done and not Tabled to the next Assembly

Great job. Let's not become so rigid that we serve our guidelines and not our Fellowship.

DCMs should have alot more involved in communication between groups and the Area Committee

Thank you for putting this together. I am very excited to see where the area goes with all of this.

I thought this was about rather 2 or 4 yearly conferences.

I was most interested in the conference when the business was done first and we did the reports last, I found that to be the most productive

I think Area 74 should reduce to one Conference each year in May. That Conference should include the Delegate's Report (only). Service meetings, to include Assembly and ACM on the same day, should be one day events 4X/year with no travel expense reimbursement for hotels, conference registration, meals. Keep it Simple!

I truly believe that all committees should has monthly service calls and a minimum of 2 to 3 service functions to keep the committee stable and active within the service structure of AA as a whole.

GSR.s need to hear DCM reports, spacing of Assemblies is out of useful alignment . thank you for this effort from this committee.

Committee chairs should be required to meet with their assigned group also, seems lots of these chairs are not holding conference calls or meetings and are in a sense "running the show" by themselves and only getting together as a group when the delegate requires feedback for GSO, this is no different than a DCM attending monthly district meetings, why are the DCMs doing more work than the chairs who get reimbursements from the area?

I would like to see time for the Committees to meet at either the Area Committee meeting face-to-face or at an Assembly, in addition to the Delegates workshop (i.e., Archives, PI, Literature, etc.). Some committees have phone conferences, some operate as a single person and some don't meet. This would encourage "Committees", as DCM's are assigned to a committee. If at an Assembly, GSRs interested in a given committee could join in, just as they do at the Delegates workshop and share/get ideas, ask questions.

I think the Service Manual has a lot to offer us we pay attention. Keep it simple, due diligence is fine and dandy. Perhaps faith is superior to diligence.

Great job putting this survey together.

21. General Comments Continued

Being an active member of AA it is apparent to me that the brunt of the work which occurs in Area 74 happens at the District level. Our Area for to long has been a playground for past Delegates to control much of the conversation and make others feel non important in the process. If we are wanting to attract more GSR's and others to the Area business meetings we must make it look and feel welcoming to them. We must promote our area as a doing entity rather than a place of bickering and belittling others. What's wrong with meeting doing our business and having reports given and going home satisfied that we have accomplished something. Thanks for this survey. Now lets make some changes from it's inputs. A Fellow Servant..

This group relies on the Now & Then to help get info out about the Area. Although in favor of oral reports from Chairs & DCMs there was an overall feeling that people talk too much and don't respect the timer or everybody else's time. Reports should be shorter. Sharing sessions would be good to have during lunch. The 15 minute educational presentations on service topics would be good to have as part of the conference -- separate from the assembly or ACM

service and traditions workshops were very beneficial to me personally. they were held as separate one day events. A description of service positions and committees would be beneficial at AA meetings. At first I was against having the Area meetings n reports at conferences... but it is a good way for people in service or sponsors to introduce area services to members... it is how I attended one.

In my experience in AA, I have found it hard to get what I need in the program. There are many good people in AA. Some who don't engage in the 3 Legacies simply don't have the role models available, and the service structure in place with which to connect. We hear a lot about the up-side-down triangle, and the term "trusted servants". But many of the servants, often venerable old-timers, ooze arrogance, and engage mostly in protecting turf. They are often poor listeners, because their minds are already 'made up'. They grasp hard onto the mantle of 'power?' and behave too tyrannically, too often. This might be my mere opinion, and easy to dismiss. But frankly, I firmly believe that this is one reason people don't connect enough with service. In truth, many of us may also be too fearful, or too selfish to commit to such a prodigious undertaking and responsibility. Blame can be pointed in many directions. But I've heard some old timers lament lack of involvement, even as they dominate the floor, and seem to expect everyone to adoringly follow their lead. Worth your consideration, I hope. Thank you for the opportunity to 'chime in'.

Our Home Group filled this out as a Group Conscience. We also voted if we would prefer 1 conference or 2 conferences a year, unanimously we voted 1 conference a year. 1 person stated 1 conference if assemblies are attached, 2 if social events are attached.

21. General Comments Continued

One day at a time.

Dontfuckitup.

Thank you for preparing this survey! I am impressed and excited for Area 74 and what this information is going to bring to us as an Area.

If the Area wants to enhance Group participation it should put the focus of the entire Area structure (Assemblies, Committees, Conferences) on the Groups and their GSRs and DCMs!

For all that is holy, PLEASE stop 2x the abuse.

good luck ; best wishes; keep info coming at levels u choose and by various media

the first question should be do you attend area functions

so many gatherings has become prohibitive financially and time wise

TY great survey

Group Conscience

CAB Reloaded Wrap-up

Thanks everyone for being present for the CAB Reloaded data reporting. I believe all of the committee members will concur that serving on this committee was an excellent experience. The chair laid out a vision up front and all committee members agreed to a measured meeting schedule in order to get a pretty large amount of work done in a short period of time. Thank you, Char, for your leadership. Our committee made extensive use of conference calls, sharing technology (including google docs), the Area 74 website and the Now and Then. Technology was instrumental in facilitating our committee work and to spread the word about the survey. Thanks to Dean for his IT and project management expertise in preparing the actual survey and collating the data into usable and presentable formats, including today's power point presentation.

Committee thoughts and areas for improvement
The committee felt good about the survey and that it likely created some new awareness for many of the service activities and functions of Area 74. In reviewing the comments, it was clear to the committee that many members truly considered the questions at hand and that the survey format provided a comfortable place to share their feelings on a number of topics.

The committee also would have done a couple of things differently regarding the survey:

We would have included a question that asked "Have you attended an Assembly?" or "Do you attend Assemblies?"
The questions regarding DCM reporting should have been fleshed out more to include a follow up question or questions, i.e. "If not giving oral reports, should DCMs be giving written or electronic reports" or "what is the ideal format and service meeting for DCM reports?"
Further analysis and interpretation could be done on the 'not sure' answers.

Next Steps
The survey results will be forwarded to the editors of the Now and Then and will likely be accessible in an appropriate format there. There will also be a link to the power point on the Area 74 website. A link to the results can also be made available for use on District websites. See Dean for follow up on that.

We will be reporting the results out again at the Area 74 Assembly. The Ad Hoc Committee has agreed it will be available if further work is requested, i.e. developing recommendations based on the findings.

As was mentioned earlier, we are not opening this up for discussion today. However, the committee will be happy to answer questions on the committee process and/or specific clarifications on the data as presented.

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